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An amazing scene at Shluohow on the North River, following a flood. Timber rafts, ready for transport, were carried away and smashed against pillars of a future railway bridge, piling up in such a remarkable way that the entire river has been blocked and is no longer navigable. Picture shows only a section of the timber "dam."

NORTH RIVER FLOOD HAVOC DRAMA.

LADY MISSIONARIES' NARROW ESCAPE.

HAVING NARROWLY escaped destruction when their houseboat was swept from its moorings by huge timber piles, which threatened at every moment to overwhelm their somewhat frail craft, Miss Todhunter and Miss Western, of the South China Boat Mission, who have just arrived in Hongkong, related to a *Telegraph* representative this morning, the first details to reach the Colony of a disastrous flood on the North River.

Many lives were lost when other small craft on the river were smashed by an avalanche of timber rafts which rushed down upon them, almost with out warning, while the loss to the timber merchants is estimated to exceed \$1,000,000. The damage was chiefly due to the sudden rise in the river, many feet in a few hours, when floods are unusual at this time of the year.

RIVER BLOCKED BY TIMBER PILE.

Miss Todhunter and Miss Western probably owe their lives to the fact that their houseboat was moored below instead of above the pillar barrier shown in the picture above.

The pillars have been constructed in connection with the development of the Canton-Hankow Railway and are to carry a bridge across the river. Huge timber rafts swept down by the flood, smashed against the pillars, and were so split up that the logs which got through were not in sufficient bulk to wreck the houseboat.

Carried for a Mile.

It was however struck by several logs and finally broke away from its moorings, being carried for over a mile down the swollen stream before those aboard were able to get the craft under control and anchor her in a place of safety.

Craft on the up-river side of the bridge were less fortunate. Some of them were smashed to splinters and many lives are thought to have been lost.

One boat can be observed in the thick of the timber in the picture above. Others were completely buried in the indescribable confusion of logs on the left of the photograph.

Unusual Event.

Miss Todhunter told our representative that floods in the North River are very uncommon at this time, and the timber dealers in the Shluohow district,

where the most serious incidents occurred, were not prepared for the sudden rise of the water.

Their supplies, ready for transport in rafts down river, were carried away, and their loss is tremendous.

Pile Round Bridge.

The huge pile concentrated round the future railway bridge will be saved, but after this is taken into account, the losses will not be less than \$1,000,000 Chinese currency.

The entire river has been blocked by the piling up of the logs at this point, and navigation will not be possible for more than a month.

LUTON WIN F.A. CUP REPLAY.

CROOK-TOWN IN THE THIRD ROUND.

London, Dec. 16.

The F.A. Cup replays to-day resulted in a handsome victory by Luton Town over Lincoln City, the Hatters winning 4-1, while Crook Town defeated Aldershot, winners of the Southern League last season, by the only goal scored.

In league matches, Exeter City defeated Watford by two clear goals, and Gateshead, in the Northern Section, defeated Rotherham by 4-1. *Reuter.*

SOLDIER TAKES PLANE ON A JOYRIDE.

NO EXPERIENCE OF FLYING.

LIFE AMBITION.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Dec. 16.
A young soldier's escapade at the Brooklands Flying School last week, with no experience whatever of flying, he jumped into an aeroplane and took her aloft, later bringing her to earth without meeting with disaster, had a sequel when Trooper Hale appeared in the police court to-day.

The excuse he gave to the magistrate was that it has been his ambition all his life to become an airman.

He is only nineteen years of age, and is an officer's servant in the Eleventh Hussars.

He was charged with flying an aeroplane belonging to the Brooklands Flying School without a licence.

The incident occurred while the officers at the school were having lunch. Hale said he saw the machine standing unattended and had a feeling that he wanted to go for a joyride.

The Magistrate decided to bind him over to be of good behaviour in future.

MR. CHURCHILL'S PROGRESS.

SUFFERING MUCH LESS PAIN.

London, Dec. 16.
New York reports that Mr. Winston Churchill records his progress to be most favourable.

The symptoms of pleurisy have improved, the wounds are healing well and Mr. Churchill is suffering much less pain. *British Wireless.*

U. S. GOLD STOCKS.

NEARLY \$100,000,000
INCREASE.

Washington, Dec. 16.
The stocks of gold in the United States are actually increasing according to the figures, issued to-day, covering the transaction for the eleven months ended November 30.

These show that gold to the value of \$22,000,000 was imported, while the exports of gold did not exceed a value of \$434,000,000. *Reuter's American Service.*

RESEARCH TRIUMPH.

WORK FOR 65,000
JOBLESS.

COMPETITIVE PRICES.

London, Dec. 16.
The production of high-grade petrol from British coal at a competitive price is no longer a dream.

It is now agreed by experts that it is possible to supply all Britain's needs from British coal as long as the taxation on imported petrol remains effective.

Sir Eric Hambro, at a luncheon given to-day in honour of Commandatore Piero Salerni, who has developed the process for the low temperature carbonisation of coal, expressed his confidence in the Salerni system.

He had decided himself, he said, to shoulder the responsibility for the provision of the initial funds for the development of the system, which promises, not only to restore prosperity to the British mining industry, but to rid the country of smoke and create a home supply of oil and motor fuels.

Imperial Chem. styles Te-ts.

A description of the hydrogenation method of producing oil from coal at the Billingham works of Imperial Chemistries, Limited, states that full development would provide work for 65,000 men now unemployed, including 40,000 miners in supplying Britain's requirements alone.

The total yearly value of imported petrol is over £10,000,000, nearly the whole of which sum goes abroad and helps to swell our adverse balance of trade.

The estimates given for the scheme allow for the writing off of the whole of the capital sum in eleven years and for paying a reasonable rate of interest in addition.

Cost of Production.

The success of the proposals depends upon a maintenance of the import duties. At present the cost of petrol at port is 2½d. per gallon, to which has to be added 8d. in tax. The cost of producing a gallon of petrol from coal is estimated at 7d. (3½d. less than the net cost of imported petrol to the distributor). Two-pence represents the cost of the coal and 5d. the cost of conversion.

Leading Financier.

Sir Eric Hambro, who has declared his intention of promoting the Salerni system, is one of Britain's leading financiers. He is a partner in C. J. Hambro and Co., sub-governor of the Royal Exchange Assurance Company, and a director of the Great Eastern Railway Company. *British Wireless and Ex.*

MAMMOUTH BUSES FOR LONDON.

63-PASSENGER SIX-WHEELERS.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Dec. 16.
Mammoth omnibuses specially designed for dealing with London's traffic problems are to be introduced in London next year.

Details of the scheme were announced to-day. The L.G.O.C. propose to launch a fleet of two hundred and fifty six-wheeler omnibuses on the streets of London next year.

They will provide seating accommodation for sixty-three passengers and will carry, at the front and the back, illuminated screens showing their destination, while similar screens on the sides will show well-known points on route.

WORLD CRISIS. Trade Blow to America.

Milliard Dollars
Fewer Exports.

BRITISH EMPIRE POLICY.

New York, Dec. 16.
A drop of more than a thousand million dollars in exports and a drop of over nine hundred million dollars in imports, are revealed in the figures of the foreign trade of the United States in the past twelve months.

The balance of trade, however, is still considerably in America's favour as the surplus of exports over imports for the month of November was \$543,000,000 and for the first eleven months of the year, the surplus of exports has been about \$5300,000,000. *Reuter's American Service.*

British Tariffs.

London, Dec. 16.
Major J. D. Colville, the Secretary to the Department of Overseas Trade, in a speech at Sheffield referring to measures for correcting the adverse trade balance, said that tariff duties must not be regarded as unalterable. Their incidence and continuance must be justified by the test of efficient production for the home and the export markets.

Dealing with the approaching Ottawa Conference, he said the Government would attend with eager minds and ready hands. He hoped the opportunity would be taken to weld the Empire together on economic lines.

If the Empire combined on a common trade policy, world competition in the export trade could be faced with confidence. *British Wireless.*

REPARATIONS ISSUE.

SIR FREDERICK ROSS GOING TO PARIS.

London, Dec. 16.
Sir Frederick Leith Ross, of the British Treasury, is leaving to-morrow for Paris where he will exchange views with representatives of the French Government, in anticipation of an international conference on reparations, which will be held after the report has been received from the Special Advisory Committee under the Young Plan, now sitting at Basle. The date and place of the meeting have not yet been fixed. *British Wireless.*

THE CABINET IN CONCLAVE.

SURVEY OF CURRENT PROBLEMS.

London, Dec. 16.
The Prime Minister presided to-day at two meetings of the Cabinet when the survey of current problems, begun last Monday, was completed.

Many difficult points requiring a more prolonged consideration have been referred to committees, which will sit during the recess, reporting not later than January 12th, when the members of the Cabinet will reassemble in London.

The Prime Minister leaves London to-morrow night for Los-alamos where he will spend Christmas. *British Wireless.*

Dramatic Tokyo Stroke.

Mr. Shigemitsu Recalled: Revision of Policy Expected.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Dec. 17.
The sudden change of government in Tokyo has produced a rather dramatic stroke in Sino-Japanese diplomatic relations, which is taken to foreshadow a revision of Japanese policy.

Mr. Inukita's Cabinet has recalled Mr. Shigemitsu, the Japanese Minister in China.

BRITISH NAVAL SENSATION.

ALL NEW SHIPS IN
JEOPARDY.

STOPPAGE UNDER CONSIDERATION.

London, Dec. 17.
The Government is considering the suspension of the whole of the British naval building programme, with the exception of submarines, according to this morning's *Daily Herald*.

The journal says that the question is now being considered by a special sub-committee of the Cabinet.

If decided upon, the suspension will be temporary and contingent upon the progress of the Disarmament Conference in February.

It is hoped that the suspension will give the British delegation a strong weapon in pressing for European naval and military reductions. If the Conference results in a satisfactory agreement, the suspension would be made permanent.

Mr. Alexander's Statement.

It is recalled that Mr. A. V. Alexander, the First Lord of the Admiralty in the Labour Govern-

ANTI-DUMPING ORDER NO. 3.

POSSIBLE DUTY ON COTTON GOODS.

London, Dec. 17.
The Board of Trade's third anti-dumping order, under the recent Abnormal Importations Bill, will be issued to-night. It is reported that it will probably include a duty upon foreign cotton goods. *Reuter.*

ment when introducing the Naval Estimates in March, declared that if further progress in agreed reductions were made at the Disarmament Conference, the Government would be able to cancel, postpone or vary the different items.

Big Saving.

The *Daily Herald* says that apart from its effect on the Disarmament Conference, the suspension of the building programme will mean a saving of several million pounds sterling.

It is understood that Mr. Neville Chamberlain is strongly supporting the idea.

The ships concerned were provided in the programme announced in March last and would normally be commenced in February.

The Programme.

The programme comprises two seven-thousand ton and one five-thousand ton armoured cruisers, one fleet tender, eight destroyers and four sloops, one gunboat and two auxiliary vessels. *Reuter.*



The Prince of Wales, photographed recently, when broadcasting from the B.C. in connection with the "Buy British" campaign.

THE PRINCE OF PEDLARS.

H.R.H. TALKS ON TRAVEL.

ADVERTISING BRITISH ISLES.

London, Dec. 16.
Early to bed and early to rise,
But you'll soon be bust if you don't advertise.

A roar of laughter and loud applause followed this adaptation of the old rhyme, sprung by the Prince of Wales on the annual meeting of the Travel Association of Great Britain and Ireland to-day.

In pursuance of his role as "the Empire's best publicist," the Prince delivered a stirring address, declaring that, too, little was known abroad about what the British Isles had to offer, the charm of the country, while far too much was heard of the financial and industrial difficulties afflicting Britain equally when the rest of the world.

"This is the moment," he said, "to impress the world that we are alive and mean to go forward again."

If temporarily, the British people were being dissuaded from travelling abroad for pleasure as apart from business, foreign countries would realise that this is merely an emergency measure.

As soon as the situation became stabilised, the British people would certainly go abroad again, just as the Travel Association hoped that people in countries overseas would visit Britain.

The Prince extolled the virtues of travel.

Taking in Each Other's Washing. "Only by a free exchange of goods, services and visits can the world live in comfort, peace and mutual understanding. Travel and trade are international."

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It Pays to Advertise.

He was glad that the Association, in advertising the fact that the British Isles were pleasant, interesting and efficient places, were not overlooking the need for showing others that Britain had some very great industries, because the adaptation of the old rhyme (above) was at present very true. *Reuter and British Wireless.*

"TALKIES" AS AID IN EDUCATION.

HIGHLY FAVOURABLE REPORT.

London, Dec. 16.
The report on an experiment by the Middlesex educational authorities in fifteen schools, on the use of special sound films as an aid to teaching, states that the committee find that the films arouse and maintain interest, help to develop originality, encourage the children to read more widely, enrich personal experience and correlate the work of the classroom with the life of the world outside.

"Talk films," it is stated, bring the greatest benefit to the duller children, achieving a greater awakening of intellectual consciousness than has been achieved by any other means. *British Wireless.*

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CANTON ROTARY CLUB.

HONGKONG'S GOOD WISHES CONVEYED.

OPENING FUNCTION.

The Canton Rotary Club was inaugurated on Tuesday night in the Hotel Asia. The event was witnessed by the President of the Hongkong Rotary Club (Sir William Hornell) and two members, Mr. D. M. Maynard and Mr. M. F. Key. Dr. Henry (Provost of Linkam University), Mr. K. Huang (Canton Municipal Telephone Administration) and Mr. P. T. Carey (China Electric Co.) were the provisional committee which made the preliminary arrangements.

After extending a hearty welcome to the delegates from Hongkong, and thanking Rotarian Fitch of Shanghai for his interest in and work on behalf of the new enterprise, Dr. Henry explained that, after discussion, the provisional committee came to the conclusion that the formation of a Rotary Club would not be inimical to the Canton Thursday Luncheon Club but would promote the same objects and be mutually beneficial.

The superstitious repressed a passing quail on hearing from Dr. Henry that the first meeting to launch the project was held on Friday, the 13th of November. As a result it was agreed that acceptance of invitations to the present meeting would be taken as agreement to join the Club. Dr. Henry concluded by reading encouraging telegrams from Peking, Hangchow and Shanghai.

Mr. George Fitch then took charge of the meeting and spoke on the objects and organization of the Rotary movement. He remarked that Rotary appeals especially to those who live in the great port cities of the East because of the work it is doing in building up a great world fellowship. "We know," said Mr. Fitch, "that friendship between nations cannot be achieved by treaties, or by the kind words of diplomats; international amity can only come through the world-dearing friendship, and it is not brought about by the acceptance of it as an ideal, but by contact." "International-mindedness" and friendship were not the only aims of Rotary, which sought also to carry out community and vocational service.

The Officers.

Mr. Fitch then explained in detail the pitch of organization to which a Club like that in Shanghai—now twelve years old—had been brought about—this part of his speech was rather strong meat for babes, and one-year-olds like the Hongkong Rotary Club. He concluded by reading the Objects of Rotary.

Charter membership cards were then filled in and it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Dr. Henry, seconded by Mr. Carey, to apply to Rotary International for a Charter. The Constitution and By-laws of Rotary were then adopted.

Officers were elected by ballot as follows: President, S. F. Chien; Vice-President, Dr. J. M. (the name is illegible); Secretary, Mr. P. T. Carey; Mr. G. W. Green; Mr. Y. L. Lee; and Mr. H. Lafford.

These present, as charter members, were then called upon to rise and receive the charge given to new members.

The new President having had to leave the meeting on account of indisposition, Dr. Henry then took the chair of the newly-constituted Club and congratulated the members on having as President one of the leading citizens of Canton. They were intensely grateful to Shanghai for sending so able and inspiring a representative as Mr. Fitch to the inaugural meeting of the Canton Club. In calling upon Sir William Hornell to address the meeting, Dr. Henry said the example of Hongkong would



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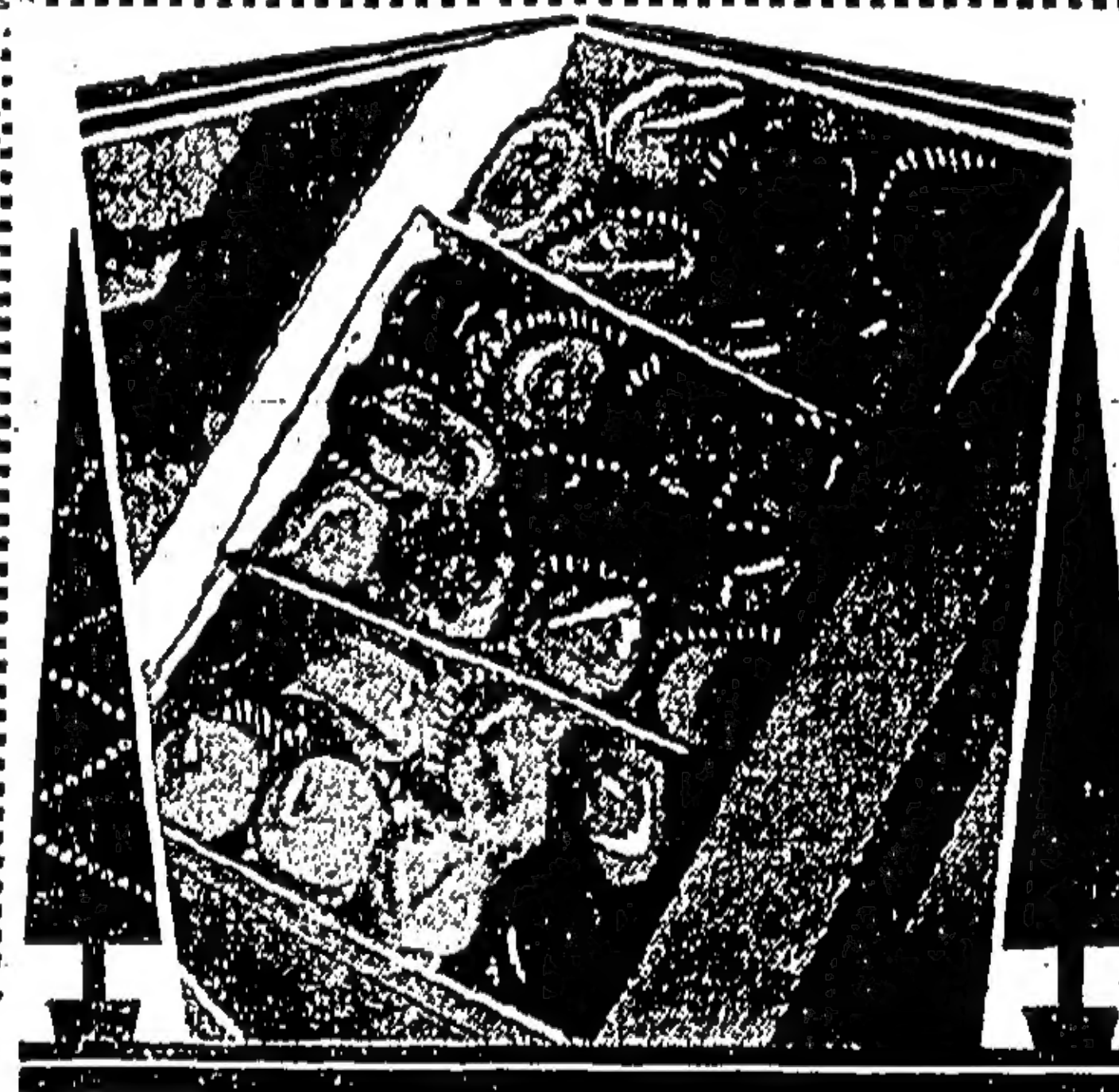
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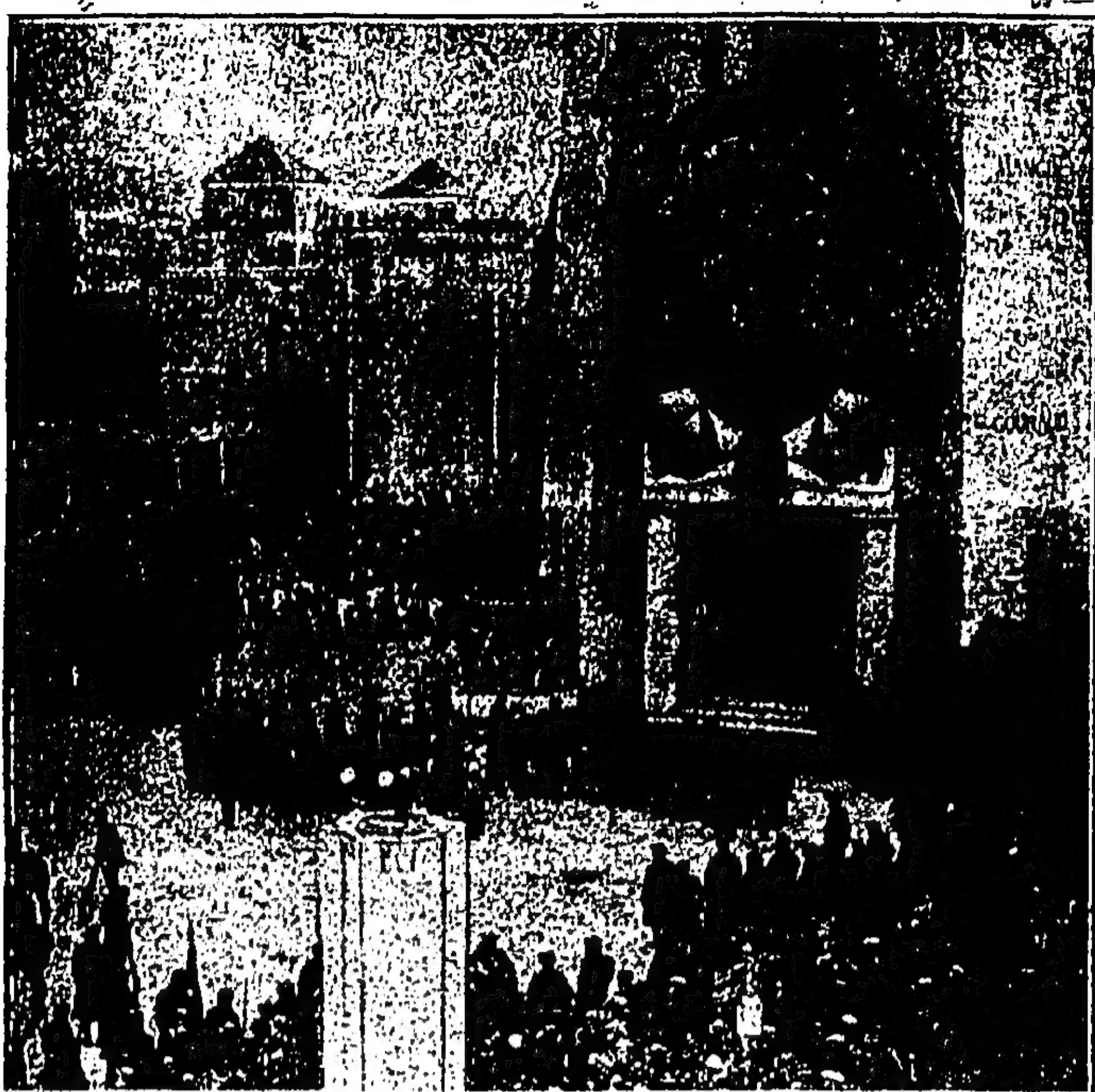
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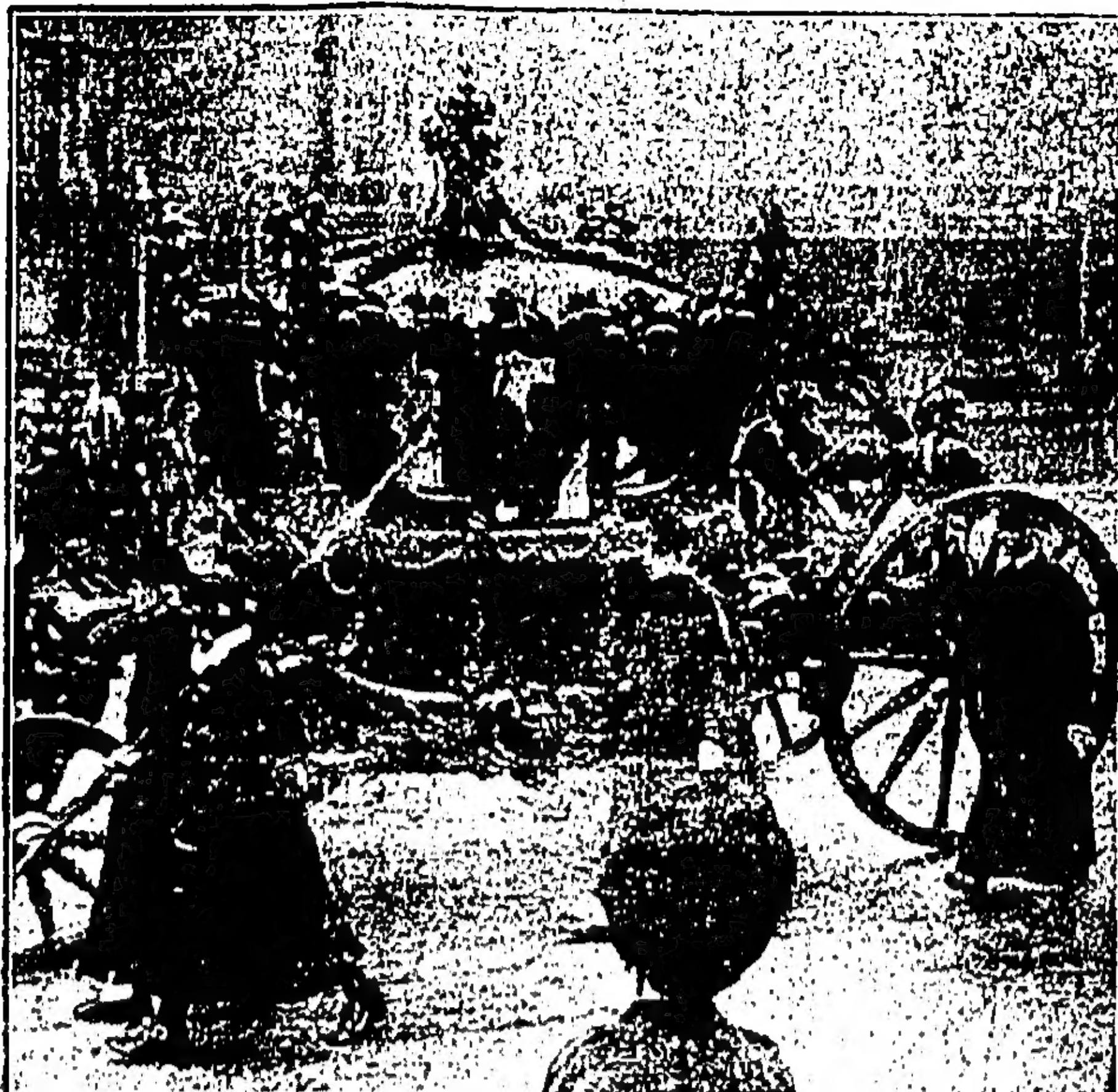
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WELL, HERE WE
ARE, SAM!

LOWERING THE TRICOLOUR: OPENING OF PARLIAMENT: RUGBY DUEL.



Impressive ceremonies marked the closing of the International Colonial Exhibition Paris.—(Times copyright).



In spite of the unkindness of the weather, large crowds assembled along the route of the Royal Procession from Buckingham Palace to the House of Lords, when H. M. King George opened Parliament in State. Our picture shows the State Coach bearing the King and Queen leaving Westminster after the opening of Parliament. Their Majesties were cheered enthusiastically by the crowds which lined the whole route.—(Times copyright).



The South Africans fielded a strong side in their match with Oxford University, and won comfortably by 24 points to 3. Our picture shows P. de Villiers, the South African scrumming half back, getting the ball away to B. L. Osley from a scrum.—(Times copyright).



Professor Piccard, the famous balloonist, who now aspires to rise to a height of 100,000 feet.

Gems of Peril

HAZEL
ROSS HAILEY

BEGIN HERE, TO-DAY.

Old Mrs. Jupiter, wife of the millionaire automobile manufacturer, gave an engagement dinner and dance for her secretary, Mary Harkness, who is in merry Dirk Jupiter, blackblooded young lawyer.

Mary received a telephone call from her evergreen brother, Eddie, saying he is in trouble and must see her. The house is strictly guarded against "extraneous" because Mrs. Jupiter is wearing the famous Jupiter ruble.

Mary arranged for Eddie to be admitted secretly. When she goes upstairs to meet him she finds Mrs. Jupiter rolled and murdered in her room. Looking Dirk, she finds him with Cornelia Faber, his childhood sweetheart. Dirk advises her to keep silent about Eddie until he can leave the boy, however, reporter for the Star, shows unusual interest in the case. Mary catches Bessie, a maid, trying to tell Bessie of Eddie's supposed visit.

CHAPTER VII

There was time for a lunch tray and a nap before she must be ready to meet Dirk. He had not said so, but Mary felt that they must be going to see Eddie. Impatience made her restless, but weariness finally put her to sleep.

When Dirk woke her there was just time for a quick tub and into her clothes before Dirk was due to arrive. She put the little black silk dress on again—it was all she had that was suitable. But she brightened it with a beige fur jacket and toque, and pinned on her shoulder a few of the freshest buds from last night's corsage of tea-roses, now blooming in water on her dressing-table.

Dirk had had tears enough from her and Cornelia both, she thought fondly. Mrs. Jupiter, if she knew, would not mind her brightening up a bit for his sake. To make up for what weeping and worry had done to her eyes she made her mouth vivid with lipstick. She had just patted and pulled into place on each cheek shining loops of dark, mahogany-brown hair, and was looking for fresh gloves, when the parlor-maid, Bessie, appeared at the door.

"Gentleman to see you, Miss Harkness."

Mary looked around, surprised at the crispness and formality of the girl's tone. Bessie's mouth was faintly malicious; her nose was lifted superciliously. With all her effort at nonchalance, though, tall tale and overbearing her features; she looked exactly like the cat that had lapped up the cream.

"You haven't been talking to that reporter any more, have you, Bessie?" asked Mary sharply.

"They won't blame you, silly! It will all be explained very shortly. But you mustn't talk about it to anyone just yet. I would have

spoken to you about it last night, Bessie, only I trusted to your good judgment to keep still."

The frailty of this plea was apparent to her even as she made it. Bessie's eyes shifted away.

"I don't want the police coming after me," she repeated.

Mary forced a laugh.

"They won't. Of course it was very wrong to leave the door open as you did, Bessie. Anyone might have come in and I'm terribly afraid—someone did. Oh, I'm not blaming you," she held out her hand placatingly as Bessie's eyes flashed resentfully. "I'm blaming myself for not having attended to it. I'd no business leaving it to you."

"My place was in the dining-room, you know that, Miss Mary!" the girl said, accusingly. "It was Bessie's place to watch the door."

"I know that," Mary agreed, wearily. She must not give way to her fears before the girl, she remembered, and drew herself up with a reassuring smile.

"Well, it's possible we've neither of us anything to feel to blame for," she said. "After all, we don't know that anyone came in, then. Not even Mr. Eddie. In fact, I don't believe he came at all."

The maid's look of interest surprised her.

"Oh it was Mr. Eddie you were expecting?"

"Why, yes," said Mary, wonderingly. "Why?"

"It was a mistake, but the name had slipped out before she thought. She couldn't remember whether she had mentioned Eddie at the time she spoke to the maid last night, or not; if she had the girl had probably forgotten, and now she had reminded her again. But why did the maid care?"

"Nothing. Only—"

"Only what?"

The maid lowered her voice fearfully. "Does Mr. Jupiter know?"

Mary flushed. "Why shouldn't he?" she equivocated.

"I don't think he'd like it, if he knew."

"Eddie? But surely—he's always come to see me whenever he liked! As for it's being so late—or rather, so early—he knew there was a party and he wasn't disturbing anyone!"

Immediately she regretted having attempted to justify her actions to the servant. She turned away to bring the subject to an end.

But Bessie lingered, unconvinced. Firm conviction that Mary was about to be ejected from the household in disfavour, made her bold. And jealousy of the girl who was, in her eyes, no more than a fellow-servant, but who gave herself such airs, sharpened her tongue for the thrust.

She shook her head reprovingly.

"He shouldn't ought to have come back like that," she said righteously. "Not after Mr. Jupiter told him what he did."

"Told him? Mr. Jupiter? When was that?"

"Last week when your brother came. You was out, and Mr. Jupiter came down to see him in the library. And Mr. Jupiter told him he was a young smart aleck that needed a lesson and he wouldn't give a penny to pay a gambler's debts."

Mary leaned weakly against the dressing-table.

"Eddie was here, and I didn't know it? What else—did they say?"

"I think he wanted to borrow a lot of money. Oh, a lot of money. But Mr. Jupiter told him he was a disgrace to his sister, and to go out and earn it like a man. And he told him he was headed for a gambler's grave if he went on as he was doing, and not to show his face here again. Your brother was just going, and he called him back and said, 'For your sister's sake, I'll give you a job!'"

Bessie warmed to her subject, inspired by the impression she was creating on the girl she disliked.

"Perhaps I shouldn't ought to tell you—"

Mary faltered. "What did Eddie say?"

"Oh, he didn't say much—he just looked at him. And he said, 'No, thank you. I might have known you wouldn't understand.' I felt sorry for the kid, honest! He looked—sick, and he stood so stiff and straight. I let him out—it was Spence's day off and he was at the pictures. He stood outside the door a minute—honest, I thought he was gonna cry. And then he went away."

She waited, but there was no apologetic response from her audience. Mary was staring past her dazedly into the face of a deeper humiliation than she had ever known.

"So you see," the maid finished, "he didn't ought to have come back like that. I wouldn't ever have said a word, if I'd known."

"You've told Mr. Jupiter, then?"

"Not him. The reporter. Well, he asked me," she bridled, virtuously, "and what could I say?"

"You might have said nothing," Mary thought but she was too occupied with this new phase of



Davington Priory, near Faversham, Kent, has now come into the possession of the Central Board of Finance of the Church Assembly, which proposes to restore the church and continue the services. The building attached to the church was a nunnery until the reign of Henry VIII. Our picture shows the cloister garth.—(Times copyright).

things to reproach the girl. After all, one had only to glimpse that pretty, shallow face to know that loyalty was not in her. And technically she was perfectly in the right.

"I wasn't going to have them blaming ME," Bessie repeated by way of excuse.

Mary waved her away, and with a defiant swish of trim grey skirts she left the room.

Mr. Jupiter was having his post-luncheon nap and there was no time to see him anyway. It was nearly three by her wrist-watch and Dirk was waiting. She hurried down the stairs.

But the man who rose from a half-sitting, half-reclining position in the big armchair by the library fire was not Dirk. It was the Star reporter, Bowen.

Mary turned to go, but he halted her with a word.

"Please, Miss Harkness—don't go. I must see you for a minute."

Mary looked about uncertainly for Dirk. He must be here somewhere—or was this the "gentleman to see you," whom Bessie had announced?

"I'm sorry, I can't talk to you. I'm going out. And besides," she bit her lips to still their tell-tell trembling, and her voice broke.

"I'm too upset."

Bowen had reached her side with agility remarkable in a man of his generally rotund appearance. So far as fact would permit, he had placed himself between her and the door, and cut off her retreat. It was presumption but this was a big story and he couldn't afford to fail.

"I know I must seem a callous brute," he said, "asking you questions just at this time. But in the very nature of things, you know, news can't wait. And there's something that you and no one else, can tell me—"

Mary said resignedly, "I suppose you mean about my brother." And could not resist adding, "I should have thought your interviews with the servants would have given you all the material you need."

"Let's get down to business, Miss Harkness. Why didn't you tell Inspector Kane that your brother was here last night?"

"Because," Mary retorted, "I don't know that he was. And neither does anyone else."

"You expected him, though?"

"Yes. He telephoned me about half after 12 that he was in trouble, and must see me at once. The

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NOTICE.

Members are reminded that a Dance will be held in the Rooms of the Institution on Saturday, the 19th December, and requested to send their applications for tickets to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible.

A. L. LANDSBERT,
Hon. Secretary.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

1932

(20th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 27th February).

and

FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING

1932

(5th March).

Draft programmes are now ready and may be obtained at the Secretary's office, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hongkong Club, the Sports Club and the Stables, Causeway Bay.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with Rule of Racing No. 83, the China Pony Subscription Griffin No. 183, due, 14 hands, will be sold by auction at the Jockey Club Stables, Causeway Bay on Thursday, 24th December, 1931, at 5.15 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

FANLING HUNT.

STEEPLECHASE RACES.

SUNDAY, 20th DECEMBER, Seven Races.

Special Train leaves Kowloon 1.05 p.m. Returning from Fanling to Hong Kong 6.41 p.m. First Class fare \$2.00 includes Admission to Course.

FANLING HUNT RACES.

Four buses of the China Motor Bus Co., will leave the Star Ferry on Sunday, 20th December, 1931. Two at 10.30 a.m. and two at 11 a.m. going direct to Kwantli Race Course, via Castle Peak, and returning soon after the last race. The Return Fare including entrance to the Race Meeting will be \$3.00.

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

THE THIRTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 31st day of December, 1931, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 30th September, 1931, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday, 28th December, 1931, to Thursday, 31st December, 1931, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 16th December, 1931.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 483.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for New Kowloon Quarry Lot No. 3," will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Monday, the 28th day of December, 1931, for the occupation for a period commencing from the date of notification of acceptance of tender and ending on 31st December, 1933, of the piece or parcel of ground as shown coloured red on a plan signed by the Director of Public Works and dated 4th December, 1931, and subject to the conditions which can be ascertained at the office of the Director of Public Works.

Upset annual fee \$1,200.
Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum of \$100 as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown in the event of the tenderer, whose tender is accepted, refusing to carry out the terms and conditions of his tender.

On the acceptance of a tender the deposits of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them. Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Director of Public Works.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

HAROLD T. CREASY,
Director of Public Works.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1931.

G. R.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 484.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for permission to obtain clay from a parcel of Crown Land at Cha Kwo Ling, S.D. III, N.T.," will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Thursday, the 31st December, 1931, for the occupation for a period commencing from the date of notification of acceptance of tender and ending on 31st December, 1934, of the piece or parcel of ground, containing about one acre, shown coloured red on plan signed by the Director of Public Works and dated 9th December, 1931, but subject to certain conditions which can be ascertained at the office of the Director of Public Works.

Upset annual fee \$1,000.
Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum of \$100 as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown if the tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions, should the tender be accepted.

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1931.

MACAU GREYHOUND RACING CLUB.

NOTICE.

A Draw for a Number of Greyhounds will be held at the Office of the Club, 19, Avenida Almeida Ribeiro, Macau, at an early date.

These Greyhounds will be sold to members at \$300 each and are eligible for racing at the Club's "Green Island" Track, Macau.

Members wishing to participate are invited to send in their Names, accompanied with a deposit of \$300 in respect of each dog applied for, as soon as possible.

Names will be booked in the order as received.

Those wishing to participate in the above drawing and are non-members are cordially invited to apply for membership, also at the same address or at the office of the Company, Chung Tin Building, Hongkong.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 21st day of December, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Waterloo Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Containing in Sq. feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
1	274.	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 274, South of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 218, Waterloo Road.	As per sale plan.	About 20,000	\$250	\$15,000

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Containing in Sq. feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
2	275.	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 275, South of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 218, Waterloo Road.	As per sale plan.	About 2,000	\$250	\$15,000

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Containing in Sq. feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
3	276.	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 276, South of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 218, Waterloo Road.	As per sale plan.	About 1,000	\$114	\$7,500

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE HONG KONG.

Members are requested to send in as soon as possible their applications for tickets for the Ball, to be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday, 6th January, 1932.

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SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLE QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treath and Co.

London Terminals.

March 1932 6/9½ no change.
May 1932 6/11½ up ¼d.
August 1932 6/1½ down ¼d.
December 1932 7/5½ down ¼d.
Buyers at above prices, sellers asking ¼d.-½d. more.

New York Terminals.

March 1932 1.07 down 4 pts.
May 1932 1.12 down 3 pts.
July 1932 1.17 down 2 pts.
September 1932 1.23 down 2 pts.
December 1931 1.02 down 3 pts.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Calcutta and Straits	Kumsang	December 17.
Calcutta and Straits	Santha	December 18.
Australia and Manila	Kamo Maru	December 18.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia		
(London, 29th November)	Corfu	December 18.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 28th November) and Europe via Siberia (London, 28th November)	Pres. Cleveland	December 18.
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers), London 10th November and Parcels, 12th November	Karmala	December 19.
Japan and Shanghai	Chichibu Maru	December 25.
Manila	Pres. Wilson	December 21.
Japan and Shanghai	General Metzinger	December 22.
Saigon	Porikos	December 23.
Straits	Torukuni Maru	December 23.
Japan and Shanghai	Suwa Maru	December 24.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Dec. 17, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Changchow	Thurs., Dec. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Samahui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Thurs., Dec. 17, 4 p.m.
Saigon	Helikon	Thurs., Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Change	Fri., Dec. 18.
	Parcels	Dec. 17, 6 p.m.
	Registration	Dec. 18, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Dec. 18, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island, 20th Dec.)	
Bangkok	Hiram	Fri., Dec. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Solviken	Fri., Dec. 18, 11.30 a.m.
Japan	Kamo Maru	Fri., Dec. 18, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Fri., Dec. 18, 2 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Vancouver B.C.		

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Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles

Corfu
K.P.O.
Parcels Dec. 18, 4.30 p.m.
Reg. Dec. 19, 9 a.m.
Letters Dec. 19, 10 a.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels Dec. 18, 5 p.m.
Reg. Dec. 19, 0.45 a.m.
Letters Dec. 19, 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles, 18th January)

Amoy
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia

Kumsang
Emp. of Russia
Reg. Dec. 17, 3 p.m.
Reg. Dec. 17, 4.15 p.m.
Letters Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
(Due Vancouver B.C., 4th Jan.)

Japan and Canada via Victoria B.C.
Kiangsu
Sun, Dec. 20, 8.30 a.m.
Canton Maru
Sun, Dec. 20, 9 a.m.
Japan and South American Ports
Holy Maru
Tues. Dec. 22, 10.30 a.m.
Batavia
Tues. Dec. 22, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow
Hanyang
Tues. Dec. 22, 1 p.m.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles
General Metzinger
Tues., Dec. 22.

K.P.O.
Registration 2nd 1 p.m.
Letters 2nd 1 p.m.
G.P.O.
Registration 2nd 1.45 p.m.
Letters 2nd 2.30 p.m.
(Due Marseilles, 22nd January)

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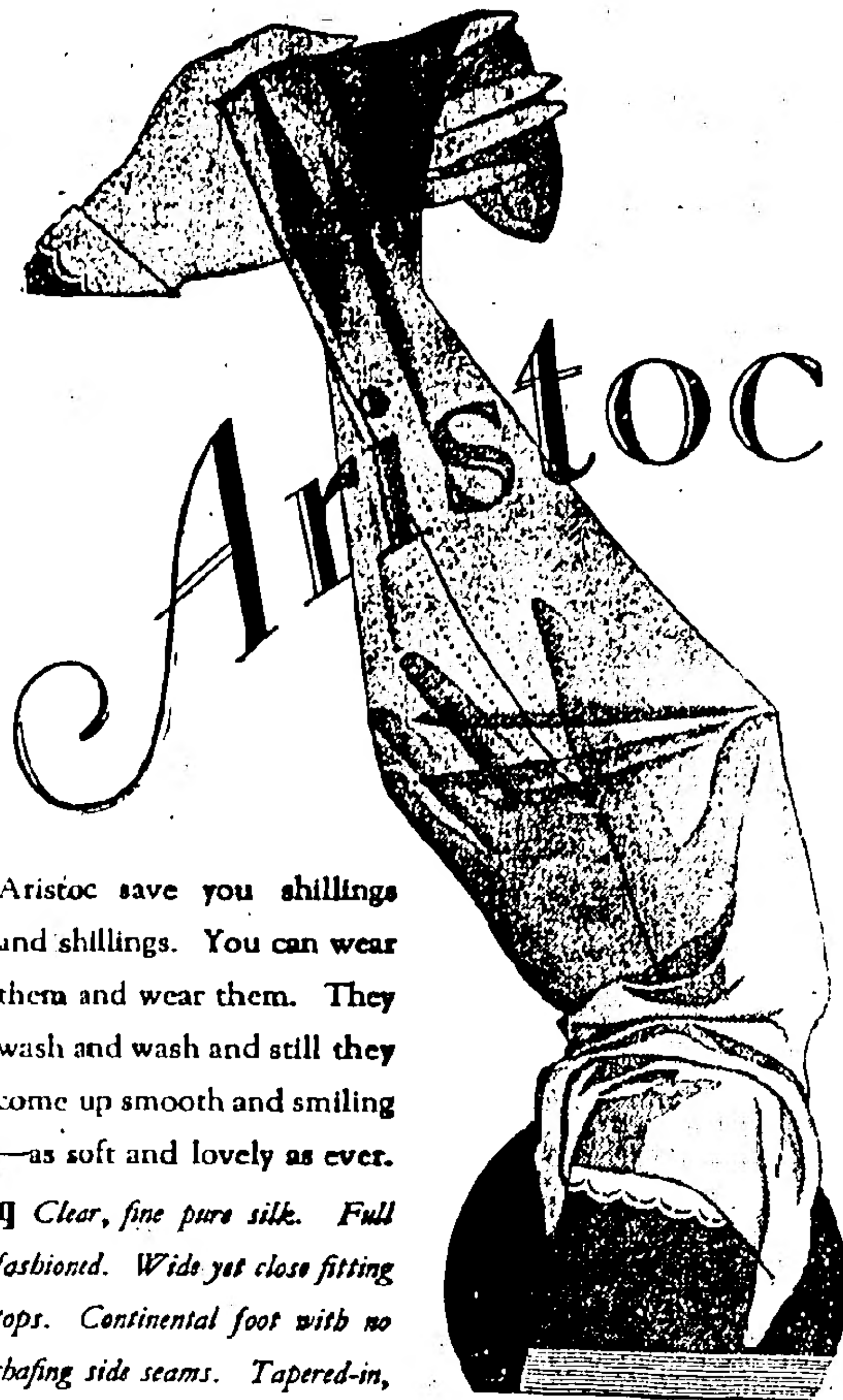
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Hongkong Bank, \$1500 n.	
Chartered Bank, \$11½ n.	
Mercantile A. and B., \$19 n.	
East Asia, \$128 n.	
Insurance.	
Canton Ins., \$1,460 n.	
Union Ins., \$430 n.	
China Underwriters, \$4.90 b.	
China Fire, \$660 n.	
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1,460 n.	
Shipping.	
Douglases, \$23 n.	
H. K. Steamboats, \$24 n.	
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$25 n.	
Union Waterboats, \$27 n.	
Mining.	
Benquet, \$10½ n.	
Kailans, 28/1½ n.	
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 2.70 n.	
Kailans, \$42 b.	
Docks, etc.	
Kowloon Wharves, \$154 n.	
Whampoa Docks, \$23 n.	
South China Motors, \$10 n.	
Providents (old), \$5.15 b.	
Hongkwa, Tls. 225 n.	
New Engineers, Tls. 6½ n.	
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 95 n.	
Cottons.	
Ewo cottons, Tls. 15½ n.	
S'hai Cotton Tls. 82 n.	
Zoon Sings Tls. 12 n.	
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H.K. S. Hotel (old), \$14.80 b.	
H.K. S. Hotel (new), \$14.60 n.	
H.K. Lands, \$80 b.	
S'hai Land, Tls. 32½ n.	
Humphreys, \$18 b.	
Realities, \$11½ n.	
Railway Utilities.	
Tramways, \$20.30 b.	
Peak Tram, (old), \$1.25 n.	
Star Ferry, \$96½ n.	
China Light, \$27.60 n.	
H. K. Electric, \$78 b.	
Macao Electric, \$23 n.	
Telephones, \$43 n.	
China Buses, Tls. 17.90 n.	
Singapore Tractions, 4/- b.	
Industrials.	
China Sugars 50 cts. n.	
Malabons, \$39 n.	
Canton Ice, \$5½ b.	
Cement (com.), \$18.80 b.	
Ropes, \$16½ n.	
Stores, etc.	
Dairy Farms, \$28½ b.	
Watson, \$16.40 n.	
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.	
Lane Crawford, \$6.60 n.	
Macintosh, \$19 n.	
Sinceres, \$16½ n.	
Powells, \$3.60 n.	
Miscellaneous.	
Amusements, \$19.90 b.	
Constructions, (old) \$5.80 n.	

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	87½	87½
Geneva	17.11/16	17½
Berlin	14.9/16	14½
Oslo	18½	18½
Helsingfors	245	245
Athens	255	255
Buenos Aires	10½	10½
Shanghai	1/11½	1/11½
New York	3.44½	3.44½
Amsterdam	85½	85½
Stockholm	18	18
Vienna	29	29

Madrid	40½	40½
Bucharest	585	585
Hongkong	1/5.9/16	1/5.9/16
Brussels	24½	24½
Milan	67½	67½
Copenhagen	18½	18½
Prague	110	110
Lisbon	169½	169½
Rio	4½	4.5/16
Bombay	1/6.9/64	1/6.9/64
Yokohama	2/5½	2/6
Montevideo	31½	31½
Montreal	4.26½	4.27
Silver (spot)	19½	20½
Silver (forward)	20½	20.7/16

—British Wireless.

1931 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR FUNCTIONS

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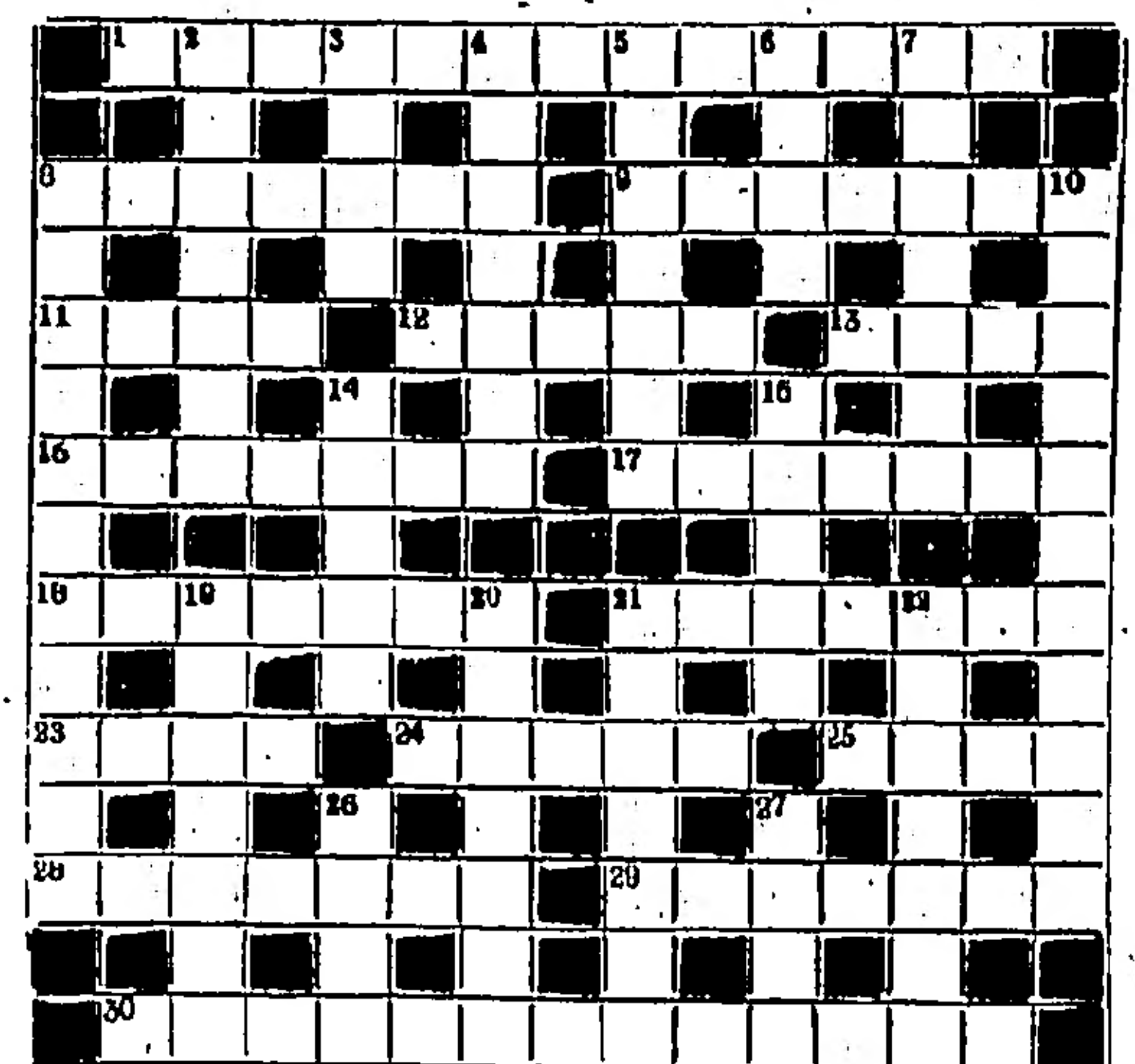
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- Describes the news of yesterday from the Anti-National point of view.
- One who plunders has secured one bird, anyway.
- Bearing the head. (No reference to "Salome" is intended.)
- The fashion begins to moderate.
- Though world famous, the name of this artist is associated with rubbish by the company.
- An aid to the runner-up of godliness.
- This county is noted neither for mountain scenery nor people.
- Testified on oath, and if it is included, set down.
- You'll find a bit of play forms part of this calculated course of conduct.
- Laden.
- Not mine alone the silent hours.
- A girl, obviously wrong.
- Always has its back to the wall.
- Exist.
- The kind of dogs that won't learn tricks. (Two words.)
- Essentially a "Tall, funny dame" (? was at the bottom of things). (anag.)

Down

- In this, Red Ivan makes a hostile incursion.
- The farm servant remains unmoved at the back.
- This is not likely to worry you if your carburettor is pressure fed. (Hyphen.)
- Might describe a carpenter's rule—doubly.
- Although reduced, this cut still raises a smoke.

- Just the reverse of what 16 is noted for.
- With a lofty spirit, I am placed at the head of nations, thus giving rise to meditations.
- You will have to be quick about this one if you would be right.
- You have your leg, I can see. I should get off; too tides wait for no man (hidden).
- "Not all the lip can—worth the silence of the heart."—J. Q. Adams, "The Lip and the Heart."
- A type of reindeer.
- This indicates the existence of something else.
- A hanging matter—but it may be a soft one.
- Just the hook to sling.
- A slightly little thing.
- It's my opinion that this will be yours.

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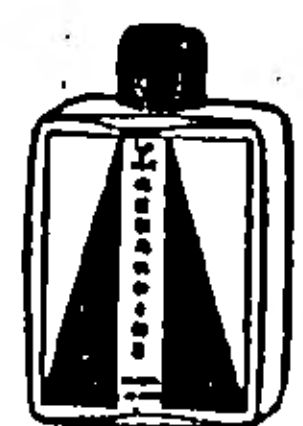


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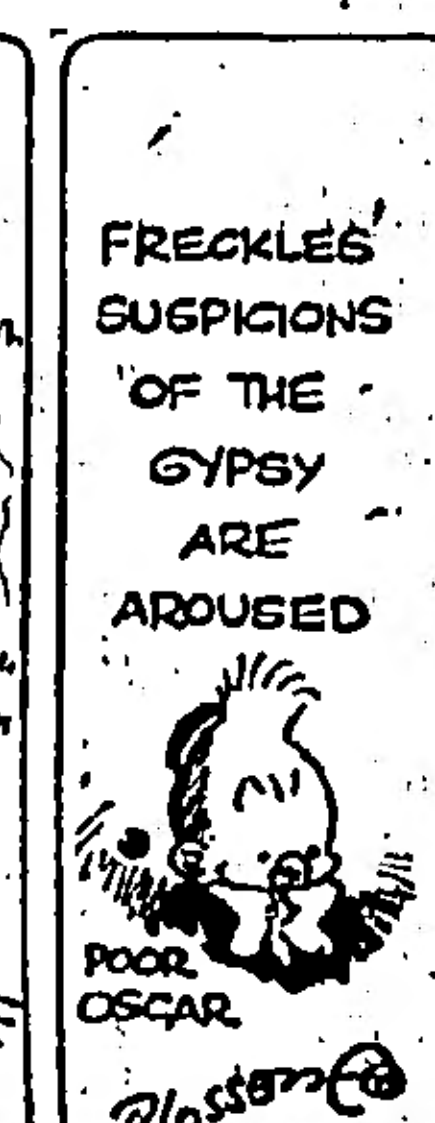
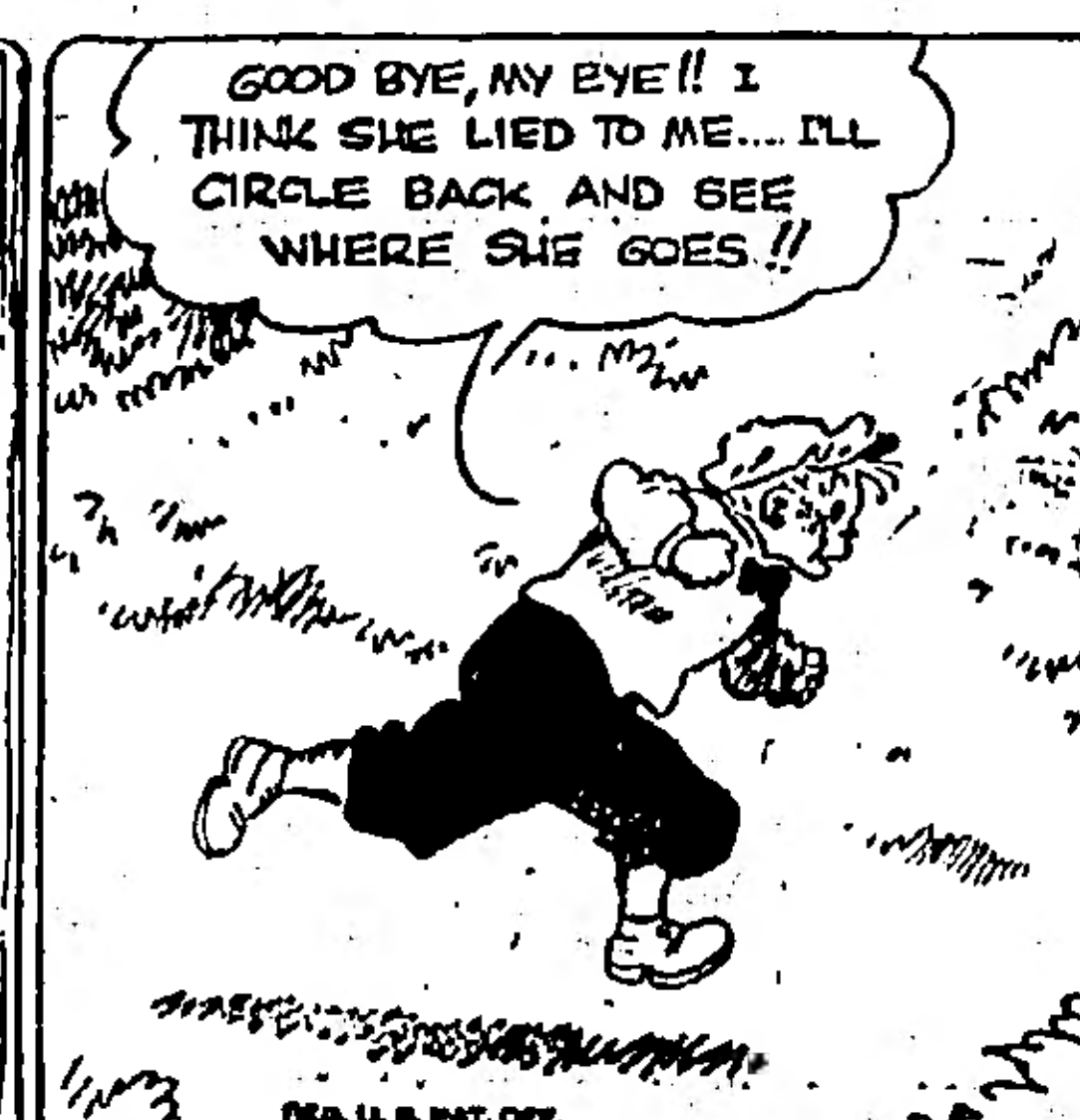
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DEATH.

SETTLE.—At the French Hospital, on
December 16, 1931, Harry
Armstrong Settle, aged 31 years.
Funeral will pass the Monument
at 5 p.m. to-day.

Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1931.

A PLEA FOR SANITY.

All true sportsmen of the Colony will regret the continued breach between the Hongkong Football Association and the Chinese clubs. We had hoped that the passage of time would have brought both sides to perceive the necessity of a spirit of sweet reasonableness, and that long ere this the points at issue would have been adjusted on a mutually satisfactory basis. Unhappily, the Association's latest and seemingly final word on the subject does practically nothing to keep open the avenues to adjustment; in short, it lays down a condition precedent which in no way touches the causes of the dispute, and would seem likely to block the way to any composing of the unfortunate differences. For this reason, the spirit of the reply to the Chinese Clubs must be deplored.

There is no call at the moment to go into the merits or the demerits of the dispute. Enough ink has been spilled on this aspect of the matter already; possibly too much. But the point which must and does suggest itself to soccer followers and sportsmen in general is that statesmanship must be sadly bankrupt in this Colony if some means cannot be discovered of settling a dispute which, if allowed to continue, will completely ruin the major sport of Hongkong in the future. This is what the matter really boils down to, for it must be patent to everyone that football cannot progress here except with the co-operation of the Chinese clubs. Already, the present season has been reduced almost to a farce because of the unfortunate quarrel, with the result that thousands of would-be spectators have been robbed of their customary Saturday afternoon's enjoyment. When all is said and done, the business of the Football Association is to promote the game and to do all in its power to encourage its growth. Its critics will say, with some measure of reason, that it is at present failing to discharge that primary obligation. On the other hand, it cannot be disputed that there must be a central controlling body, and that such a body should be responsible for the game. It may be that the Chinese have not sufficiently appreciated that point, although it should be remembered that

they are, relatively speaking, newcomers to the game and consequently have not behind them those traditions which have been built up in countries where football has long figured as a national pastime. But the disinterested observer will say that there is a right and a wrong way of insisting on compliance with rules and regulations, and that wisdom is to be found in not jeopardising the future of the game by rigid insistence on relatively minor points of administration. It is equally true that the real interests of the game cannot be served by clubs acting in a spirit of pique when they come up against authority.

When the points at present in dispute are reduced to their real significance, they do not appear to the observer to justify a continuance of the quarrel. In fact, it is sheer folly to permit the situation to remain where it is. Matters will not be helped by a further airing of the differences, in which charges and counter-charges are made; there has been enough of that already. The main necessity is to seek a settlement by every possible means available. So we yet hope that someone sufficiently big-hearted and far-seeing will step in and help to smooth matters over. There is, in the present situation, an aspect of even greater and wider importance than a mere difference on sport. It is this larger issue which we have particularly in mind in urging that no stone be left unturned to effect a lasting settlement of a most regrettable development.

Great Men at Play.

The recent researches of Mr. Philip Guedalla into ancient sports and pastimes has provoked inquiry into the manner in which England's famous men of to-day amuse themselves. The discoveries in some cases are surprising. Mr. H. G. Wells has invented a round game of his own into which all who pay visits to his countryhouse are initiated. Mr. Bernard Shaw does not care for sporting with Amoryllis in the shade. He prefers to bask on a raft in the Mediterranean in a loincloth, though, according to his own statement in *Who's Who*, he rejoices in every kind of recreation except sport. Mr. Stanley Baldwin and Mr. Lloyd George are more prone. Many people who have never been Prime Minister of England read the classics like the Conservative leader. It is probable that even more share Mr. Lloyd George's hobby, which is golf. [The statesman's reputation for originality in his lighter moods is better upheld by Mr. Winston Churchill, who has been known to exploit his leisure hours in a little brick-laying. The most unusual of all recreations, however, must surely be that of Sir James Barrie, who has papered the ceiling in one of the rooms of his home by placing wet postage stamps on a penny and sticking them up with a jerk of the thumb and forefinger. This remarkable indoor sport has only just been disclosed, but there is reason to believe that Sir James takes it earnestly and conscientiously. The question naturally arises that if famous men affect strange amusements, can strange amusements produce great men? The Duke of Wellington claimed that the Battle of Waterloo was won on the battlefields of Eton. Mr. Philip Guedalla reveals that the most important game on the playing fields in the days of the Duke was hoops, while the virtues of hopscotch were not neglected. Pegg-top and battledore were principal items in the athletic curriculum, and the budding sportsman was put through a course of puss-in-the-corner. Finally, the virile game of marbles was given a place of honour. It is also to be noted that the authorities of Oxford University still find it advisable to include in their official statutes a warning against indulging in the dangerous attractions of marbles in certain parts of the city. From all which perhaps the valuable deduction may be drawn that if any boy wishes to grow up like the Duke of Wellington, he should play marbles.

DAY BY DAY

LITTLE MINDS ARE TAMED AND
SOUND BY MISFORTUNE; BUT
GREAT MINDS RISE ABOVE IT.—
Washington Irving.

The Hongkong Silk Store has issued
an attractive wall calendar.

An imported case of cerebro-spinal
fever was notified yesterday.

The P. and O. s.s. Corfu, from
Shanghai is due here at 7 a.m. on
Friday.

The Empress of Russia has been
delayed, and is now scheduled to sail
at midnight, Friday, December 18.

A Congregation of the Hongkong
University for the conferring of
degrees is to be held on January 11th.

An amended notification states that
the P. and O. liner Karmala, from
Singapore, is now due at noon on
Saturday.

The Hongkong University Christian
Association will give a Christmas
concert next Sunday, December 20,
at 9 p.m. in the Great Hall of the
University.

A brick which was either thrown or
fell from an upper floor in the vicinity
of 64, Pottinger Street yesterday
afternoon struck a passerby, Pak Fui,
a shop coolie, of 227, Queen's Road
East, and inflicted a nasty injury to
his head.

Members of the Institution of Engi-
neers and shipbuilders of Hongkong
are reminded that a dance will be held
in the Rooms of the Institution on
Saturday. Applications for tickets
should be made to the Hon Secretary
as soon as possible.

Whilst lowering a sail on board his
cargo boat, a seaman, Leung Lin, aged
55 years, was struck by a hand
derrick and received injuries to his
body. His condition was reported as
being rather serious and he was admit-
ted to the Kwong Wah Hospital for
treatment.

Invitations have been issued by the
Hongkong Civil Service Cricket Club
for an "at home" to be held on
Saturday, December 26, when the
formal opening ceremony of the
Pavilion will be performed by Lady
Peel at 3 p.m. Following the opening
ceremony, there will be a prize
distribution and Christmas tree, tea,
and the children's sports.

We are informed by Captain W.
Fretwell, master of the s.s. *Flanorbia*,
that on report of the evidence given
at the Marine Court of Inquiry into
the recent stranding of his vessel was
inaccurate in many respects, especially
in regard to the courses steered. We
tender our regrets for any errors
which give a wrong impression of
Captain Fretwell's seamanship.

A successful whist drive was held
at St. Patrick's Club on Tuesday
evening. Mrs. Higgins won the first
prize for ladies while Mrs. Hyde
secured the second and Mrs. Nond the
booby. The successful gentlemen
were Mr. Deb and Mr. Light while
Mr. Reeves won the booby. Whist
drives are being held every Tuesday
and are open to all who are interested
in the game.

Passengers on a Yaumati ferry-
boat which arrived in Hongkong
just before 10 a.m. to-day were pro-
vided with some excitement when a
Chinese narrowly escaped serious
injury in trying to jump to the wharf
before the craft had been tied up. As
the launch was getting alongside the
wharf, he jumped but miscalculated
the distance and fell short. He was
in serious danger of being crushed
against the side of the wharf, but
willing hands pulled him from the
water. He was none the worse for
his misadventure beyond getting a
"ducking."



—and get this through your fat head. If you aren't on the
—and get this through your fat head. If you aren't on the

BARONESS ORCZY asks**ARE WOMEN
SELFISH IN LOVE?**

WHEN a lovely woman falls in
love, does she become selfish
or selfless? It is one of the ever-
lasting questions, and woman's
answer to it is a Monna Lisa
smile, which may be interpreted
as acquiescence or scorn, just as
you please.

History tells of many famous
women to whom love apparently
meant taking all and giving
nothing in return. Whatever stood
between them and the man from
whom they desired worship, they
destroyed it.

They were ready to pull him
down from his high place, alienate
him from his friends, heap scorn
on his wife and estrange him from
his children. They have not
hesitated to sacrifice to their ends
the lives of their own admirers and
even the very honour of their
country.

Women have shown, in fact,
that in pursuit of love they can be
more ruthless than men, fearing
neither God nor man in the pur-
suit of their goal.

Dragged Behind Them.

In the nature of things there
must also have been thousands
and millions of women, incon-
spicuous and unknown, who have
at times made selfishness their
watchword. Women, perhaps,
who have used all their arts of
seduction to persuade a lover to
stay at their side when the call
of honour and duty rang a clarion
note in his ears, or women who,
in order to satisfy their own
ambition, have dragged their hus-
band or lover behind them on
their chariot wheel, soaring to a
height of social or political at-
tainment beyond the power of the
man to reach, with the result that
a fall was inevitable and the man
hurled down from giddy heights
unregretted, uncomfortable by the
very one who caused his downfall.

History shows us Cleopatra and
the wife of the late President
Harrison in some such roles, and
we, each in our respective walks
of life, know many cases less
famous but equally strange.

Yet, in fairness to my sex, let
it be said that selfishness in its
true sense is not what drives
these unhappy people on. Cleo-
patra was not intentionally selfish
when she held Antony to her side
while the cold, ambitious Octavian
had time to conquer worlds in his
stead. Mrs. Warren Harding, in
acting as the motive force which
drove a country politician to the
helm of one of the greatest
powers in the modern world, has
always appealed to me as being
more of a tragedy herself than
even the tragic figure of her hus-
band. And plain Mrs. Smith,
who turns her husband from an
easy-going, sporting Briton into
a white-faced business robot, is
herself, more often than not, a
stricken statue of self-denial.

Schemes for Him.

Mark—I do not say that these
women are right, merely that they
are not, in the true meaning of
the word, selfish.

When the pagans would have it
that Cupid was blind, I think they
made a mistake. It is not the
little god who is blind; he dis-
tributes his precious shafts
judiciously, as a rule; but those

shafts often seem to have been
dipped in a virulent poison, which
has the power of depriving of
their sight those who have been
struck by them.

And women suffer from those
attacks of blindness far more
frequently and more completely
than men.

Watch the girl who fears or
hopes for her lover. Is she
selfish? Let Destiny ask her to
give her life for his, and see
then! For herself she cares no-
thing, but for him—for him she
will be ready to sacrifice not only
her life, but the rest of the world
in a single blazing funeral pyre.
If it would but profit him! Love's
poisoned shaft has blinded her
indeed!

She thinks for him, acts for
him, schemes for him, plunges
into evil or good impersonally for
him. She sees a prize—he must
have it; she recognises an obstacle—he must overcome it; she realises a goal—he must attain it. For love of him she dreams dreams, and in her love-blindness she is obsessed by the
dreams, and forces his weak
humanity to an impossible task.

But make no mistake—the
dreams are all for him. She is
willing to stand in the background,
fall out by the way; she is ready
to become a mere stepping-stone
to his success. It would be the
divine height of unselfishness,
were it not the blind height of
folly!

A Longer Vision.

Woman has a longer vision than
man, but she lacks his logical
faculty for estimating obstacles.
Woman will try to keep her lover
by her side, knowing that they
would be happy together even
though his name were disgraced,
or his country were in sore need
of him. But man, whose creed is
different from hers, puts her
second in his thoughts.

"I could not love thee, dear, so
much, loved I not honour more!"
is his rule of life. He is selfish
for his honour's sake, while she
would sacrifice both her honour
and his regard for her in order
to keep him safely within the
shelter of her arms.

It has been said that if we only
had Faith, we could say to this
mountain "Go hence!" and it
would actually go. That is the
creed of the woman who is in love.
Her faith in her love is so great
that, should she covet a throne
for her lover, she would try to
remove every mountain that stood
in her way.

Sometimes the man also is of
heroic mould, and can follow the
keenest flights of his chosen
woman's vision, and make them
all come true. But such a man is
rare; he is the real Fairy Prince
for whom every woman pines.

With a true woman as his
guide and helpmate he can rise
to heights supreme, and having
reached success, he can listen to
the plaudits of a wondering world,
taking them all as his due, for the
world seldom sees or guesses that
a woman has given him her help,
her guidance, her sustaining love,
so that he might attain his goal.

Alone in Eden.

It is not a fatal contrariness in
woman that makes her dream such
uncomfortable dreams? Would she
not a million times rather be left
alone in an Eden of her own
creation, alone with the man she
loved?

And that is why most of us
are, perhaps, glad when we find
that our idol has, after all, feet
of clay, and we can love him just
as illogically and absolutely with
all his failings and his sins. It
is heroic, this giving all for love,
and we are so constituted that
we like doing it; but a happy
home, contentment, and family
life are usually worth a thousand
times more than dreams of ambi-
tion, so few of which are satisfy-
ing when they are attained.

PHIPPS finds a**THINKING ROBOT.**

Does anybody want to buy a
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(Continued on Page 7)

COLLISION ACTION
RESUMED.CROSSING FAIRWAY
IN FOG.

DEFENCE POINTER.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., remarked that "no sane Captain would cross this fairway in a fog," when he continued his address in the consolidated actions brought by the China Navigation Company and the Nippon Yusen Kaisha against each other in the Supreme Court this morning.

This case, which is being heard in Admiralty Jurisdiction, before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) and the Harbour Master (Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., Retired) as Assessors, is one arising out of a collision off Kowloon Dock Point between the s.s. Kiangsu and the s.s. Tokooka Maru.

The China Navigation Company, owners of the Kiangsu, claim \$40,000 damages from the N.Y.K., while the latter are claiming for \$40,554 damages against the China Navigation Company.

Mr. Potter, together with Mr. F. C. Jenkin, K.C., is for the China Navigation Company, while Mr. H. G. Sheldon is for the N.Y.K.

Effect of Anchors.

Mr. Potter reminded the Court that when they adjourned yesterday they were discussing the weight and effect of anchors, and pointed out that the effect of an anchor being dropped was almost immediate on the motion of the ship. He submitted that if the two anchors of the Tokooka Maru had been dropped, the collision would never have occurred.

Counsel went on to emphasize that Capt. Ritchie knew as precisely as it was possible to know, without taking the exact position, where he was, as he was about in the middle of the fairway in which he knew it was the duty of both inward and outward-bound ships to keep to the starboard side. The captain of a ship was, in law, entitled to assume that the other captain would obey the rule of the road.

In addition, Capt. Ritchie knew that there was no other ship behind him or in front of him on the starboard side, and he was only concerned with the one outward-bound vessel, the Tokooka Maru.

Also, being in the fairway, he could never anticipate that he would find an outward-bound ship on the northern side of the fairway, where he eventually found the Tokooka Maru. He was not bound, in law, to anticipate such a manoeuvre.

The Only Conclusion.

Counsel went on to say that the Kiangsu had a following current, and he submitted, as a matter of seamanship, that it was essential for Capt. Ritchie to keep proper and effective steering way on his ship so that he might keep to his own course and prevent his ship drifting into the course of an outward-bound ship.

He would submit on the evidence that the only conclusion to which Capt. Ritchie could come was that the other ship was outward-bound. He heard a fog signal from the Japanese boat at 7.45, and, having heard that signal on his port bow, he came to the only conclusion to which he could come.

Mr. Potter remarked:—"No sane Captain would cross this fairway in a fog and the only conclusion that Capt. Ritchie could come to was that the other boat was outward-bound, moving about east-north-east, and would, inevitably, clear him, as an outward-bound ship would clear him." Capt. Ritchie never had any reason to alter that conclusion.

Approaching Closer.

Counsel went on to deal with the matter of the Tokooka Maru's signals becoming "finer" on the Kiangsu's port bow and submitted that that would be no indication to Capt. Ritchie that she was, in fact, a crossing ship, and was not on her proper side of the fairway. It only indicated that the ships were approaching closer, as they would do in any case when passing in opposite directions in the fairway.

The Chief Justice remarked that he thought it would be difficult, anyway, to draw conclusions as to a ship's position by means of such signals, with which Mr. Potter agreed, saying that, at the most, the signals would give to the hearer only the approximate position.

Capt. Ritchie might have considered that the Japanese ship was on a more northerly course, but that she would, inevitably, at the proper moment, port her helm and take the ordinary and proper course of an outward-bound ship.

It would never enter Capt. Ritchie's brain that a ship would be crossing the fairway in a fog.

Did Nothing.

The captain of the Tokooka Maru was the one man who knew the whole of the position, as he

BRITISH PLANES
AT WUCHOW.FINE EXHIBITION
OF FLYING.

Wuchow, Dec. 14.

Shortly before one o'clock this afternoon the steady drone of aeroplane motors caused the residents of Wuchow to look south-eastward. A few moments later, the crowds were rewarded when two crimson-coloured aeroplanes, with British pilots, shot into sight.

On Sunday, a telegraphic communication from Canton heralded the arrival of the planes at Wuchow on the following day, and consequently their coming was not entirely a surprise to many.

It is said that the planes were from Hongkong and are for the use of the Kwangsi Army. Before proceeding to the Wuchow air port, the two flying machines circled the city several times. That no novices were handling the "sticks" was evidenced by the skillful manner in which the planes were manoeuvred both in the air and on the landing field, which is situated on the south bank of the West River, opposite from the city of Wuchow.

In the afternoon the best exhibition of flying that has ever been witnessed in Wuchow took place when the pilots put their respective planes through their paces. A miniature flying circus ensued, which was greatly enjoyed by the thousands of spectators who made up the interested audience. Our Own Correspondent.

AN INTIMIDATOR
GAOLED.LOCAL TERRORIST
GETS DESSERTS.

On charges of demanding money with menaces, and of intimidation, a Chinese who appeared before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning was sentenced to three months' hard labour on each count, the terms to run concurrently.

The defendant was alleged to have forcibly taken the complainant away from a tea-house and, with the assistance of several others, led him to the Sze Wo Club in Queen's Road, where he was held prisoner until he consented to join the Club and paid \$500 member-ship fees. After the money had been handed over, the complainant was provided with a membership book and a medal, and then allowed his freedom.

A charge of illegal detention was also brought against the defendant, but this was dismissed on account of discrepancies in the evidence.

Inspector John Murphy, who prosecuted, informed his Worship that whilst there was nothing known against the defendant, he was regarded as a terrorist in the Central District and people victimised by him were afraid to make any report to the police.

GOVT. POLICY ON
BURMA.DELEGATES NOW
SATISFIED.

London, Dec. 16.

In committee of the Burma Conference, Lord Peel, presiding, said his statement on Friday was intended to define for their guidance a field of useful discussion. The object of the Conference was to frame a Constitution embodying responsible government at the centre as well as in provincial matters, subject to reservations and safeguards. They should consider the virtue of compromise in arriving at a settlement along these lines.

Lord Lathlain said the view held by the Government, as expressed by Lord Peel, was that the principle of the declaration of January 18th applied to the future Constitution of Burma.

U Ba Pe, who raised the question, expressed satisfaction, and the three Burma delegates who, as protest, had abstained from the discussions, have resumed an active part in the deliberations.—British Wireless.

knew he was crossing the fairway against an in-coming ship, while Capt. Ritchie did not. If the Japanese captain had thought for a moment, he would have done something, but he did nothing.

Mr. Jenkin then read Capt. Ritchie's evidence which approximated to the facts contained in Mr. Potter's address, after which the case was adjourned until to-morrow morning.

Mr. Sheldon indicated that he would argue that the Kiangsu was travelling at an excessive speed through the fog, and that Capt. Ritchie's proper course would have been to stop the engines on hearing the signals from the Tokooka Maru.

SESSIONS OPEN ON
MONDAY.FIVE CASES ON THE
CALENDAR.

There are five cases down for trial at this month's Criminal Sessions which are to commence at the Supreme Court on Monday.

The first case on the list is one of indecent assault, in which Sit Shok will be charged with that offence against a two-year-old girl named Lo Sau-mui, on October 31, 1931.

All the other cases consist of robbery charges. Chan Yu-wing will be indicted that, on December 31, 1931, with others unknown, they together robbed Chau Ping-chung of \$150 in money.

Chung King-man and Li Fat will be charged that on October 16, 1931, at Kuk Hing Village, Kowloon City, with others unknown, they together robbed the inmates of money and jewellery.

There are three counts in a case in which there are two accused, Cheng Wing and Lam Lun, alias Tai Shek-lun. The first count against both of them is that on November 22, 1931, with others unknown, they together robbed Leung Kam of \$775.90. The second and third counts are against Cheng Wing only, the second charging him with procuring and compounding for him and others unknown to commit the offence, and the third with conspiring with others to commit the robbery.

Sin Tim, Ng Tak and Li Kam are the accused in the last case. The indictment against the first two is that Ng Tak, on November 20, 1931, at Sheung Sga Po Village, Kowloon City, with others unknown, together robbed Wong Fui-man of 54 rolls of cloth, and that Sin Tim was, at the same time, aiding and abetting.

Ng Tak is additionally charged with receiving ten rolls of cloth, while Li Kam is charged with receiving eight rolls.

TOYS FOR LOCAL
MUI-TSAL.GIFTS OF LONDON
CHILDREN.

A touching gift has been received from England of two cases of toys, to be distributed among released mui tsais during the Christmas season.

The cases were sent to the Secretary of the Anti-Mui Tsai Society and two letters were sent with the toys addressed to the Salvation Army Home and the C.M.S. Victoria Home and Orphanage.

The toys are forwarded by Mrs. Hazlewood who, in a letter to the Commandant of the Salvation Army Home explained that they were gifts from little children in the East End of London at how to released mui tsais.

"They have made a great many of the things themselves," the letter explains, "and in many instances have given their own little treasures. They come with much love and affection."

The toys were forwarded to Hongkong free of charge by Messrs. Alfred Holt and Co., of Liverpool, to whom the Society have written a letter of thanks.

GANDHI FAILS TO
SEE POPE.LOIN CLOTH NOT
QUITE PROPER.

Rome, Dec. 12.

Mahatma Gandhi, on his way back to India after the round table conference at London, missed an opportunity for an audience with the Pope today, because his old costume did not conform to the Vatican's requirement of modesty. Premier Mussolini received him, after the Indian Nationalist leader had spent more than an hour visiting the Vatican.

Authorities at the Vatican said the arrangements for an audience with the Pope had been cancelled because the pontiff had other pressing engagements. But it was learned that they felt Gandhi's loin cloth was improper and that they considered it would be indelicate to ask him to don more clothing.

AMERICAN SUPPORT
OF LEAGUE.

INTERESTING PARIS MEETING.

Paris, Dec. 16.

The United States Ambassador in Paris, Mr. Walter Edge, visited M. Briand to-day to offer the American Government's congratulations upon the success of the League Council session.

M. Briand replied that they had recently valued the support lent by America to the League in the very delicate Sino-Japanese affair.

ELECTION EXPENSES.

AN AMUSING BILL OF 1826.

With accounts for election expenses coming in thick and fast, it is interesting to recall the amusing "model electioneering bill," which Sir Mark Somerville had presented to him, in the bad old days of bribery and corruption, by the proprietors of the Trim Hotel during a contested election at Meath in 1826. A copy is subjoined.

Sir Mark had given orders at the hotel to board and lodge all that should vote for him. His instructions were carried out to the letter, and the account was duly tendered: Sir Mark had this unique document framed, and it still hangs in Somerville House.

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To 18 horses and 5 mules about my hand all night, at 1s. every one of them, and for a man which was lost on the head of watching them all night, is to me	5	5	0
To 6 beds in one room, and 4 in another, at 2 guineas every bed, and not more than 4 in a bed, at any time, cheap enough, God knows, is to me	22	15	0

For breakfast on Tay in the morning, for every one of them, and as many more as they brought in, as near as I can guess, is to me

To have Whiskey and Punch, without talking of pipes and tobacco, as well as for breaking a pot above stairs, and other glasses and delph for the first day and night, I am not very sure, but for the three days and a half of the Election, as little as I can call it, and to be very exact, it is in all or thereabouts, as near as I can guess, and not to be too particular, is to me, at least

For shaving and cropping off the heads of 49 Freeholders for Sir Mark, at 1d. for every head of them, by my brother, who has a vote, is to me

For a Womit and Nurse for poor Tom Kannon, in the middle of the night, when he was not expected, is to me ten Hogs, I don't talk of the piper for keeping him sober as long as he was sober, is to me

Signed in the place of Jenny Car's wife, his mark, X, Bryan five shillings mark, X, You may say £111, so, your honour, Sir Mark send me this Eleven Hundred by Bryan himself, who and I prays for your success always in Trim, so no more at present.

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9.00 p.m. Local time and weather report.
8.05-8.32 p.m. A Selection of Orchestral Items played by The Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.
Afternoon of a Faun (Debussy). 6762.
Dance Macabre (Dance of Death) (Saint-Saens). 6605.
Rienzi Overture (Wagner). 6624.
8.32-9.00 p.m. Pianoforte Solos, by Alfred Cortot.
Harmoonious Blacksmith (Randel). 6762.
Berceuse (Chopin). 6762.
Ballade in G Minor (Chopin). 6012.
Etude in A Flat Major (Chopin).
Waltz in C Sharp Minor (Chopin). 1101.

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. T. S. F. Co.
9.00-11.00 p.m. (Approx.):
Relay of the 1st Act of "Miss Hookey of Holland" by courtesy of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society.
11.00 p.m. (approx.): Rugby mid-day press news.
11.05 p.m. (approx.): Close down.

SECURITY IN CHARGE
OF BLACKMAIL.MAGISTRATE AND ELECTION
CANDIDATE.

The case of alleged blackmail in which the prosecutor—referred to as "Mr. Y."—was a candidate at the General Election, was heard at Marlborough-street.

Charles Lester Kerr, aged 45, a retired naval commander, of Regent-street, London, W., and Cranley-gardens, Kensington, is accused of threatening to divulge certain facts in "Mr. Y's" past and demanding that "Mr. Y." should apply for shares in a company in which Kerr was interested.

The charge is denied.

Mr. E. F. Lever (for the defence) said that he had a great deal of information which he thought would destroy the prosecution in another place.

Mr. C. Hornby (prosecuting) referred to the name of a man mentioned by Mr. Lever and said that if it were published it would inevitably identify "Mr. Y." and he asked that the man should be known by an initial only.

The Magistrate—The whole object of this secrecy is to deprive blackmailers of their strongest weapon—publicity. I am going to do nothing which will alter the attitude taken up by the courts.

Mr. Lever said that the point he would submit was that there could be no evidence of intent to extort where there was a debt or an honest belief of a debt.

Kerr was remanded on bail.

PIGS IN PUBLIC
STREET.FIVE OWNERS FINED
AT KOWLOON.

A rather unusual case came before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when five villagers were charged with allowing their pigs to wander about in the public street at To Ka Wan, near Messrs. W. S. Bailey and Company's shipyard.

Inspector Logan, who prosecuted, said he had received many complaints from neighbours and passers-by, and on visiting the place yesterday, he found several pigs wandering on the road.

His Worship (to defendants):—You must not allow your pigs to run about. I suppose if they were run over and killed you would claim damages. Don't forget you are now in a town and not in the country.

Defendants were each fined \$2.

In connexion with the Christmas party at the Volunteer Headquarters on December 23rd, "Father Christmas" wishes to announce that all replies to his invitation should be sent in before next Sunday.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed by Hongkong against arrivals from Amoy on account of small-pox.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has weakened. It is central near Shanghai, moving east.

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Messrs. Lane, Crawford Ltd. advise also that the Grill Room of the King's Restaurant being privately engaged to-morrow, December 18th, diners will be served on the Mezzanine floor to-morrow evening.



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LEAGUE CRICKET.

ENGINEERS DRAW WITH BORDERERS.

Playing in the Second Division of the League yesterday, the Royal Engineers and Signals drew with the South Wales Borderers at Sookunpoo. It was a batsman's wicket, and, going in first, the South Wales Borderers took some dislodging. They started indifferently, losing a wicket at 18 and another at 20. Then Lieut. A. C. Hamilton went in and made things merry. He hit three sixes and eleven fours, and 122 were on for the third wicket. Later he was joined by Captain Gottwaltz, who also hit a six. Hamilton was not out 90 and Gottwaltz not out 22 when the innings was declared at 174.

The Engineers and Signals opened disastrously and only Signalman Williams, who hit a six in his 30, showed up as a run-getter. With nine wickets down for 88, defeat was narrowly averted. Scores:

South Wales Borderers.			
Lieut. G. P. G. de Winton, b Williams	4		
Capt. Walden, c Higgins, b Anstruther	12		
Pte. Ronan, c Holmes, b Williams	16		
Lieut. A. C. Hamilton, not out	90		
Lieut. J. O. Crowe Road, c Williams, b Anstruther	5		
Capt. P. Gottwaltz, not out	29		
Extras	20		
Total (for 4 wks. dec.)	174		

Fall of wickets.—1 for 18, 2 for 20, 3 for 122, 4 for 134.
Ptes. Hoskins, Morgan, Nelson, Turner and Whetton did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.			
	O.	M.	R.
Williams	11	1	42
Buckle	2	1	4
Meehan	6	1	23
Jordan	3	—	25

R. E. and Signals.			
Lieut. Eubank, b Wales	7		
Cpl. Meehan, b Wales	1		
Sgt. Gillet, b Ronan	4		
Sgt. Williams, b Hoskins	30		
Spr. Holmes, b.w. Wales	0		
Lieut. Anstruther, c and b Hamilton	10		
Lieut. Col. Marston, b Hoskins	3		
Cpl. Saunders, c Gottwaltz, b Wales	7		
S. C. Jordan, not out	16		
L. Cpl. Higgins, b Ronan	9		
Sgt. Buckle, not out	9		
Extras	9		
Total (for 4 wks.)	89		

Fall of wickets.—1 for 1, 2 for 12, 3 for 12, 4 for 22, 5 for 56, 6 for 58, 7 for 61, 8 for 83, 9 for 88.

Bowling Analysis.			
	O.	M.	R.
Ronan	10	2	20
Wales	10	2	20
Hoskins	7	—	22
Nelson	2	—	4
Hamilton	5	—	11

I.R.C. v. Volunteers.
The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club against the Volunteers on Sunday, December 20th, 1931, at 2 p.m. on the I.R.C. ground—A. A. Ramjahn (Capt.), A. H. Madar, S. A. Ismail, S. R. Kermanni, A. R. Minu, A. K. Minu, O. Ismail, M. R. Abbas, A. R. Abbas, A. S. Sulfad, and H. D. Ramjahn. Reserves: K. Nazarin and M. el Areullli.

H.K.C.C. v. C.S.C.C.
The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club 2nd XI against the C.S.C.C. on the Club ground on Saturday, December 19, at 2 p.m.—R. K. Hopman, (Capt.), C. F. Cahagan, F. A. M. Elliott, R. R. Davies, R. S. W. Paterson, A. J. Wolff, J. R. Ratten, L. A. Whippes, P. W. J. Planner, W. Stoker, J. R. Way.

Civil Service Teams.
The following have been selected to represent the Civil Service C.C. in their League matches against the H.K.C.C. on Saturday next:

1st team at C.S.C.C. ground.—B. D. Evans (Capt.), J. E. Richardson, G. R. Sayer, F. J. de Rome, E. B. Reed, F. J. Ling, F. Baker, E. M. Wood, J. Barrow, J. F. McGowan, E. W. Hamilton.

2nd team at H.K.C.C. ground.—H. E. Strange (Capt.), P. C. K. Hawkins, A. E. Wood, W. H. Edmonds, C. H. G. Bradley, F. Matthews, A. W. Grimmer, S. Randle, R. H. Woodman, R. G. Robertson, J. M. Wilson.



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THE NG SZE-KWONG CHALLENGE CUPS.

The fourth match in the billiards tournament for the Ng Sze-kwong Challenge Cups was held in the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home last night, when H. M. S. Medway met and defeated the R.A.S.C. by four games to one.

Mention should be made of Private Funnell, who after being well in arrears looked like winning the game. He made a splendid break of 54 and another of 23, and finally lost by the narrow margin of 9. His opponent, E. R. A. Green, played consistently throughout and was a deserving winner.

Other players worthy of mention were E. R. A. Almond, Pte. Black and E. R. A. Ashby.

The results of the games were as follows:

H.M.S. Medway.	
E. R. A. Gipton	150
E. R. A. Green	150
E. R. A. Ashby	150
C. R. A. Binn	150
E. R. A. Almond	143
R.A.S.C.	
Private Davies	63
Private Funnell	141
S. S. M. Jordan	122
Sergt. McCulloch	130
Private Black	150

The next match will be held on Friday evening, December 18, when the R.A.O.C. will meet the 31st Heavy Battery, R.A.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

CLUB "A" TEAM AGAINST RADIO SPORTS.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club "A" Team against Radio Sports Club at King's Park at 7 p.m. to-day: E. S. Moore, L. A. R. Duncan, L. F. Nicholson, W. A. Nowers, F. W. Allen, K. H. Utley, L. D. Kilbee, J. L. Tetley, R. H. D. Wade, G. F. Rees, and R. W. Sapsed.

H.K.S.R.A. Lose to Radio.
In a hockey match yesterday the Radio Sports Club defeated the H.K.S.R.A. by two goals to one, in a very fast and interesting game.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

There is no material change in the rates this morning, the market being quietly steady.

Sales.	
Wharves, \$154.	
Hotels (old), \$154.	
Trams, \$21/22.10.	
Lane, Crawford (old), \$8.60.	
Providents (old), \$5.54.	
Humphreys (old), \$18.	
Dairy Farms, \$20.20.	
H.K. Amusements, \$20.	
Buyers.	
Hotels (old), \$14.80.	
Rauha, \$42.	
Humphreys (old), \$18.	
Chinese Estates, \$35.	
Trams, \$20.90.	
H.K. Electric, \$75.	
Canton Lees, \$5.54.	
Dairy Farms, \$20.20.	
Entertainments (new), \$16.	
H.K. Lands, \$80.	
Providents (old), \$5.15.	
Providents (new), \$2.35.	
Ewos, Tls. 15.54.	
Peak Trams (new), \$7.54.	
Telephones (part paid), \$25.54.	
Cements (combined), \$18.80.	
H.K. Amusements, \$19.80.	
H.K. Government Loan, \$2.54.	
Premium.	
Ewos, Tls. 15.90.	
S.C. Enterprises, \$10.	
China Lights, \$27.60.	

VALLEY GOLF.

DRAW FOR ADAMSON CUP MATCH.

In the Adamson Cup December qualifying round R. C. Wallace with a score of 81—9=72 qualified.

The draw for the match play stage resulted as follows:

E. Moore (15) v. J. Laing (14).
G. Voland (14) v. W. J. G. Jenkins (17).
A. G. Urwell (17) v. A. D. Fraser (18).
R. Wallace (8) v. A. E. Clarke (14).

The first round is to be played on or before January 10, the semi-finals on or before January 31 and the final on or before February 15.

Entries for the Junior section championship close on January 3, 1932.

WHOLESALE PRICE COMPARISONS.

HONGKONG AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

As measured at the Statistical Branch of the Imports and Exports Department wholesale prices in Hongkong during the first three quarters of 1931 showed, on balance, a general average index number slightly more than double the United Kingdom index number, as measured at the Board of Trade, the respective figures being Hongkong, 129.1; United Kingdom, 62.4.

For purposes of comparison the Hongkong index numbers have been converted from the basis of 1922=100 to 1924=100. It should be understood, however, that the respective indexes are not strictly comparable.

The general average for all articles in the United Kingdom showed a steady quarterly decline throughout the whole period, whereas the Hongkong figures rose slightly in the second quarter and fell comparatively heavily in the third quarter.

Great Britain abandoned the gold standard on September 20, and it is interesting to note that the index figure for all articles increased from 59.2 in the earlier part of the month to 60.2 in the later part of the month. The principal proportionate increases occurred in the cereals group (8.6%), cotton (6.6%), textiles other than cotton and wool (5.2%), and other metals and minerals (3.2%). The meat and fish group declined 4.4%.

The provisional index figure of 120.5 for Hongkong for the month of October (on a 1924 basis) is the lowest recorded; this year, the July figure being 125.6, August 126.9 and September 121.7. As compared with September the index number for foodstuffs fell from 136.1 to 130.1, while the index number for articles other than food increased from 113.9 to 117.3.

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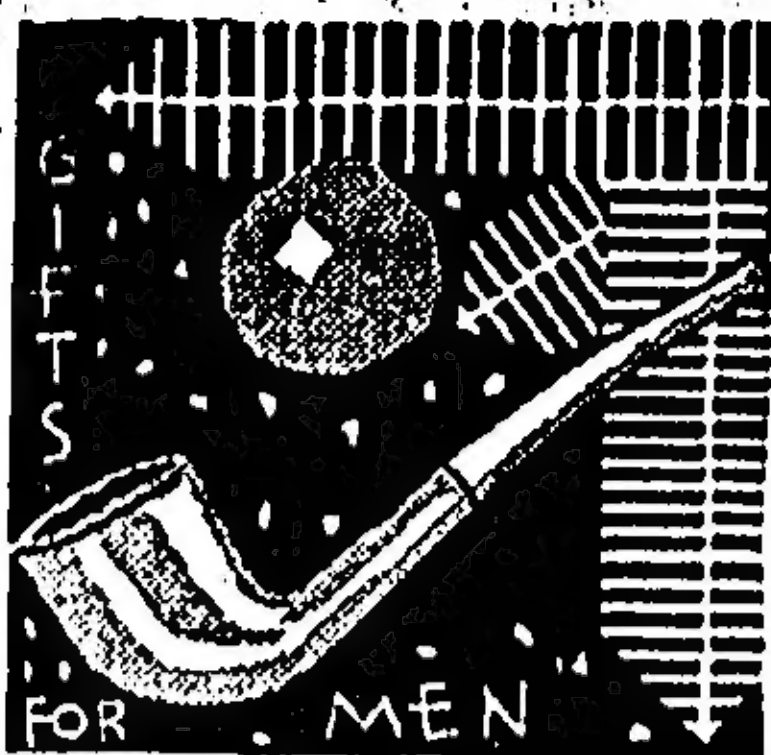
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JURY ALTER THEIR
VERDICT.ENQUIRY INTO DEATH OF
A PRISONER.

A verdict of "manslaughter against a person unknown" was brought in yesterday afternoon by the jury empanelled in the inquiry, conducted by Mr. Fraser, into the circumstances of the death of Chung Tung, a prisoner in Lanchikok Gaol, on December 12, but after being addressed by the Coroner, the jury altered it to "accidental death."

Yesterday's hearing was conducted at the Lanchikok Gaol several prisoners being examined in the course of the proceedings. The jury consisted of Messrs. A. Mann (foreman), E. A. Remedios and Lo Wang-choung.

Altered Verdict.

After a few minutes' consideration, the jury returned a verdict of "manslaughter against a person unknown."

The Coroner.—On the evidence, there are only three possible verdicts—manslaughter, accidental death or an open verdict. I must say that on the evidence given you cannot bring in a verdict of manslaughter. There is only one man against whom you could bring in a charge of manslaughter and that is the man who is alleged to have struck the deceased. You have the evidence of a prisoner who alleges that he saw Prisoner 11777 striking the deceased, and he later says he himself was struck by this prisoner.

The Coroner went on to say that this rather took some value from this witness's evidence, because obviously he had a grudge against Prisoner 11777.

There was only this man's evidence to support a charge of manslaughter, said the Coroner, and he did not think that a man could be convicted of manslaughter on this evidence alone.

"You are the judge of the facts and I am the judge of law," concluded the Coroner, "but I do not think you can bring in a verdict of manslaughter in this case."

The jury then returned a verdict of "accidental death."

OBITUARY.

CAPT. H. A. SETTLE OF CHINA
 NAVIGATION CO.

Deep regret will be caused by the death of Capt. Harry Armstrong Settle of the China Navigation Company, who passed away at the French Hospital yesterday from pneumonia at the early age of 31 years.

A well known and popular officer of the Company, the late Capt. Settle, whose home was in Liverpool, first joined the China Navigation Company in November 1922 and was promoted to the rank of Chief Officer three years later. For short periods on different occasions he was acting master of the Company's ship Newchang, Ichang and Shantung and was due for permanent promotion to a command during the next few months.

A keen mason, Capt. Settle was master mason of the lodge of St. John 618.

Much sympathy will be extended to Mrs. Settle in the loss she has been called upon to bear.

The funeral takes place this afternoon, the cortege passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

GEMS OF PERIL.

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maid should have let him in. You understand that was necessary, because no one was being admitted except invited guests. But she was busy, and she carelessly left the door unlocked. No one came, or went, that we know of. I locked the door again myself, after I came down from—up there."

"But someone might have come and gone, you admit that. And it might have been your brother. And during that time—how long was it?—about 20 minutes altogether—Mrs. Jupiter was robbed and killed."

"Yes. But Eddie had nothing to do with it. I'm as sure of that as I am of God." Their eyes met and held. "You believe me, don't you?"

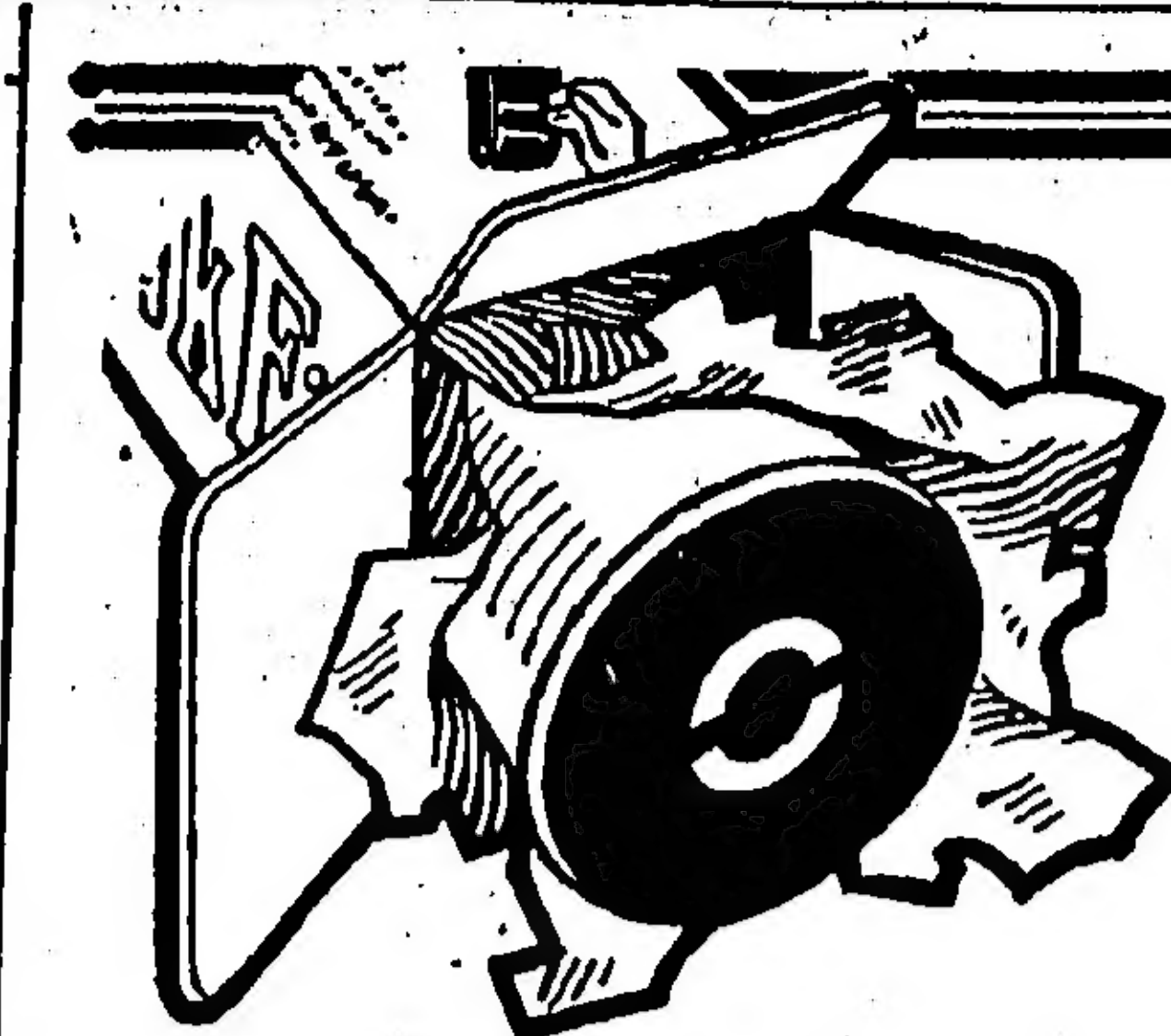
Before the sincerity in the girl's grey eyes, Bowen found himself saying "Yes," and meaning it.

"You won't put anything in your paper about it, will you?"

Bowen hesitated, but only for a minute. "I have to, Miss Harkness." There was real regret in his voice.

"You couldn't wait just until I see my brother and find out what he knows?"

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The newspaperman's zeal for a beat began to gleam in Bowen's eyes. The spell that beauty in distress had cast over him for the moment abated before the thrilling

realization that the biggest story in years was in reach of his hand. Lovely this girl might be, and over so innocent, but her brother was a red-handed murderer, if ever there was one, according to his way of thinking.

"May I go with you?" he asked, eagerly. "Whatever your brother's story is, it must be told some time, and if I could get to him first—"

But Mary was not listening; she

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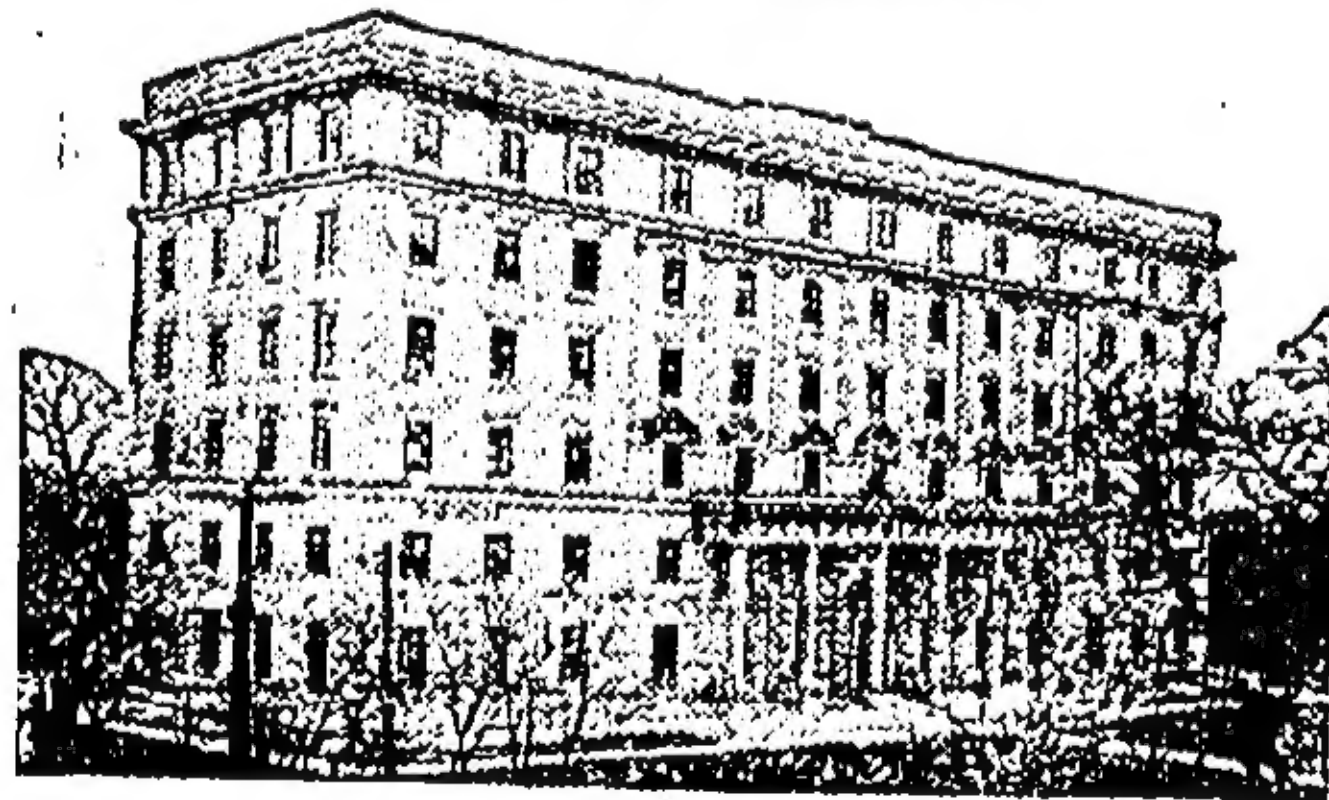
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CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

Great difficulties in photographing and recording scenes of the majestic outdoors of the Hudson Bay country were encountered by the Warner Bros. company, under the direction of George Fitzmaurice, during the filming of the Vitaphone production, "Tiger Rose," which comes to the Queen's Theatre to-day, co-starring Monte Blue and Lupo Velez.

Much of the picture was taken along rushing streams and on lakes. Frequently, in order to catch the canoe and boat scenes, company carpenters would have to build platforms out into the torrents on which to place the camera and recording equipment. One of the most vivid scenes of the picture is that in which Lupo, Blue and Grant Withers start down the river in a frail boat, and ride the rapids. Parts of these scenes were taken at Lake Arrowhead, and the rest in the rushing rapids of the American River, in the high Sierras. "Tiger Rose," adapted from Willard Mack's stage play, is marked by its pictorial beauty.

"The Ghost Train."

Nowadays the test applied to a new play is a comparatively simple one: "Will it make a good talkie?" Some years ago a stage play drew all London to the Garrick Theatre, and none was able to apply to-day's test. "The Ghost Train" drew its thousands for months, because of its eerie story and the noises "off."

It was considered a film subject from the evening of the try-out, but time elapsed before W. and F. secured the rights and produced a silent version of the thriller which swept the country.

With the coming of the talkie it was inevitable that "The Ghost Train," coming to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday, should be given a new lease of life. It is an ideal subject for the sound technician, and the making of the new picture was entrusted to Gainsborough Pictures.

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"Africa Speaks."

Many African tribes—particularly those of the French Congo—have long made it a practice to mutilate the faces of their women. The fact has been observed and deplored not only by travellers, but by French government officials. All attempts to discover the origin of the custom failed, however, until Paul L. Hoeller, who recently made an amazing trip in the interests of the Colorado-African Expedition, unearthed the secret.

When Hoeller reached the village of Elva Be in the French Congo, which is inhabited by the Ubangia tribe, he was shocked, as others had been, to see that the faces of the native women were disfigured. They all wore huge wooden discs inserted in their lower lips, which gave them the appearance of grotesque ducks.

Upon inquiry Hoeller learned that the custom originated in the days of the slave traffic. Arab bands, who swept out of the desert on their quest for black ivory and slaves, found the natives, never failed to call upon the Ubangias, for the women of the tribe were noted for their beauty. The marauders were so greedy that they soon exhausted the supply of young girls. They then made a practice of seizing female infants. These were reared by Arab women until old enough to sell in the slave market.

Many Ubangia men, who fought valiantly to defend their women, were killed in these raids. The result was that the tribe was almost wiped out. How long this reign of terror continued it is impossible to say, but eventually the tribe built a central fort, around which the many scattered villages were collected. When the marauders came out of the sands, the people would retire to the fort and from its protecting walls were able to withstand all assaults. But further to discourage the slave hunters they commenced the practice of disfiguring the faces of their women.

Authentic photographs of these duck-billed women are shown in "Africa Speaks," the sensational African adventure picture, which is now at the Central Theatre, together with many other intimate glimpses of native life. The film, released throughout the world by Columbia Pictures, abounds as well in splendid scenic effects, and amazingly close shots of the wild beasts of the jungle.

Authorities and informed laymen who have seen the picture are unanimous in unstinted praise of the thrilling scenes and realistic photography. Needless to state, the sounds of the jungle, brought to the screen for the first time, play a large part in contributing to the unparalleled effect of the film.

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AN OPPOSITION MOTION DEFEATED.

Berlin, Dec. 16. The Government position has been strengthened by a vote of the House Committee rejecting by 321 to 266 an opposition motion to force a convocation of the Reichstag to discuss the Brüning emergency decree.

The Socialists supported the Government against the Communists, Nazis and German Nationalists.—*Reuter.*

Germany's Capacity.

London, Dec. 16. The drafting sub-committee, consisting of Signor Beneduce (Italy), Sir Walter Layton (Britain), Professor Rist (France) and Dr. Melchior (Germany), has now begun work on the report of the Young Plan advisory committee, which is engaged at Basle in an examination of Germany's financial capacity.

The committee yesterday heard a statement from Dr. Homberger on the financial position of the German railways, which under the Young Plan contribute £33,000,000 annually, equivalent to the amount of the unconditional annuity, to reparation payments.

Exhaustive evidence has now been taken of every aspect of German finances, and this has gone to show that all three principal sources of money earmarked to provide reparation payments have suffered substantial diminution. Meanwhile, other committees are examining the railway accounts and points of detail concerning the German budget.—*British Wireless.*

British Stocks.

London, Dec. 16. On the Stock Exchange this morning, the leading British Government stocks were generally one eighth to three eighths higher, with the sterling-dollar rate quoted a shade better, at 3.44½.—*British Wireless.*

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London, Dec. 16. In order to compete with road and water transport, the railways

THE WAR AREAS.

CHINCHOW TROOPS BEING WITHDRAWN.

Tokyo, Dec. 16. Owing to what are considered to be indications that Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang is preparing to withdraw the Chinchow garrison within the Great Wall, it is learned that the proposal to despatch an additional one and a half divisions to Manchuria has been dropped.

However, the Cabinet will today consider the despatch of a mixed brigade to the Kwantung leased territory where the troops will be available to provide relief for the troops in Manchuria.

If the despatch is sanctioned it is expected that one or two battalions will be earmarked to proceed to Tientsin in the event of disturbances in North China arising out of General Chiang Kai-shek's resignation.—*Reuter.*

The Railways.

Tokyo, Dec. 16. According to a report from Mukden, the Chinese Eastern Railway authorities have approached the South Manchuria Railway with an offer to sell the southern section of the C.E.R., from Harbin to Changchun, as they foresee that the value of this line is likely to depreciate on the completion of the Japanese lines between Kailai and Kirin and Changchun and Taid, which will divert much freight now passing over the C.E.R.—*Reuter.*

The French Choice.

Paris, Dec. 16. The composition of the Manchurian Commission is not likely to be known until tomorrow or Friday, according to the *Matin*, which adds that M. Maginot, the War Minister, has approached General Guillaumat, former commander of the French Army of Occupation, to be the French representative, but the General has declined for health reasons.

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The new Club agreed to hold its meetings on Tuesdays and extended a warm welcome to Hongkong Rotarians when in Canton, which invitation Sir William Hornell heartily reciprocated on behalf of the Hongkong Rotary Club.

It should be added that before settling down to the business of forming the Club, the "incipient members" entertained their visitors to a sumptuous dinner.

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INDIA, OLD AND NEW.

COLONEL SKINNER'S TALK TO SERVICE MEN.

At the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home last night, Col. R. B. Skinner, O.B.E., delivered an interesting lecture on "An Officer's Experience in India." The Rev. Mr. Tribbeck presided, and briefly introduced the speaker, who, he said, needed no introduction as he was one of those interested in the Home.

Col. Skinner said that he went out to India with three other youngsters in the year 1899, first landing at Bombay. Two of them were ordered to a frontier station by the name of Kohat. All the time they were impressed by people to be careful of the sun, and troops arriving in India were specially warned to keep their helmets on when looking out of trains. The journey to Kohat took three nights and two days by train and after that they had a 28 mile road trip by tonga, which was a kind of mule-drawn cart.

In Kohat they were received very hospitably and made the acquaintance of real soldiers, men who had been on the frontier for a long time. After Kohat they were ordered to Fort Lockhart, and after a two months stay there to Parachinar. The speaker went on to describe his stay in Parachinar, and the other stations where he was ordered before going on leave to Kashmir after four years on the frontier.

After his return from leave he went to Peshawar, Dargah and Simla and then to Bannu, from which last place he went to serve in Africa during the war.

Progress.

On his return from the war, he was ordered to Quetta and finally went back again to Kohat, thus beginning and ending his frontier life there. But the difference was remarkable. When he first went to Kohat there were no roads, but when he left it there were motor roads, bridges and telephones.

The climate, said the speaker, was extreme. In winter it went down to freezing point, but in summer the temperature in the shade was sometimes about 125 degrees.

Col. Skinner paid a great tribute to the work done by the medical missionaries on the frontier, for it was through them that Christianity got a hold there. He mentioned one instance of having seen the Bible placed by the side of the Koran in a mosque, showing the fairness of the people towards religion.

In conclusion, the speaker said that lately India had come very much into the limelight with Gandhi's visit to England and the issues which depended thereon; but he was of the opinion that the real trouble in India was between the Mohammedans and the Hindus, and it remained with the Hindus to work out their own salvation by keeping the peace among themselves. They, like the British Government, were only working towards a unified India.

The Rev. Mr. Tribbeck thanked Col. Skinner for his lecture, and Mr. Edmonds proposed a vote of thanks which was carried with acclamation.

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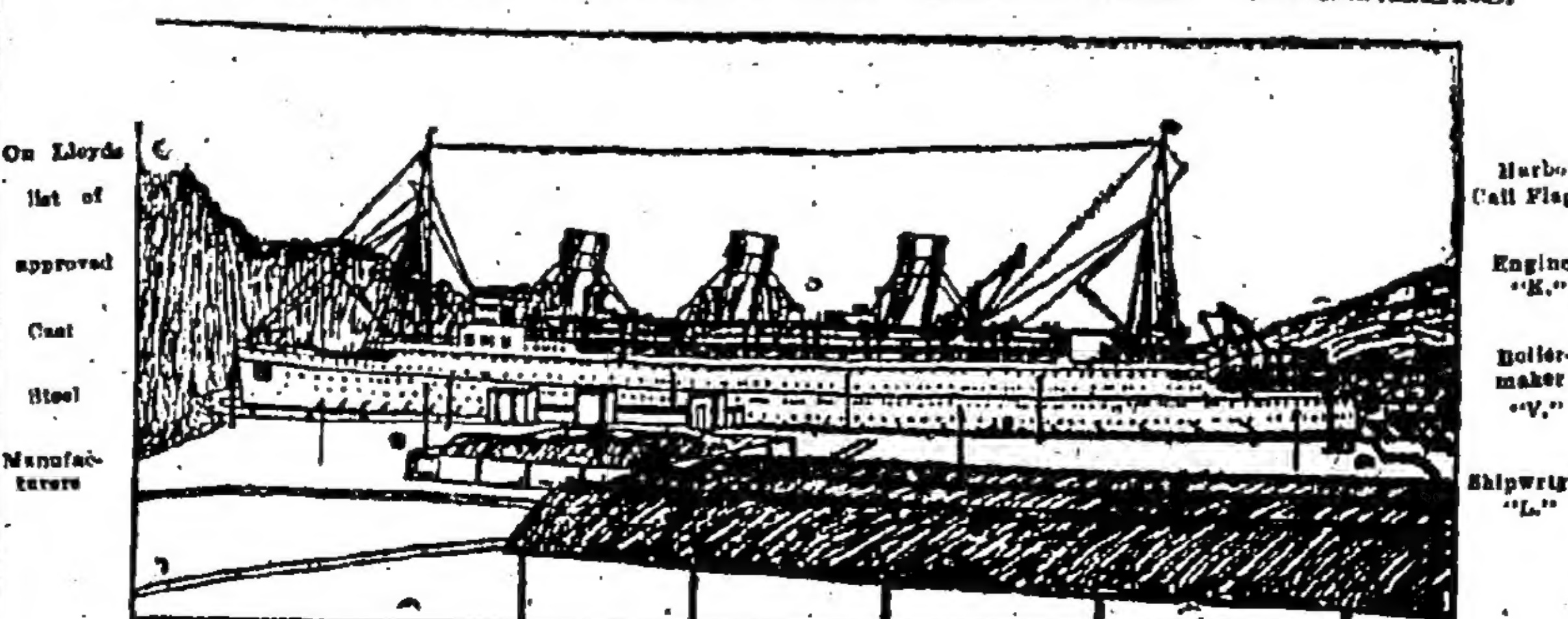
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SCOTTISH CUP DRAW.

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FIRST ROUND.

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London, Dec. 16.
The draw for the first round of
the Scottish Cup Competition was
made to-day and resulted as
follows:
Queen O' South v. Stranraer.
Leith Ath. v. Albion Rovers.
Arbroath v. Aberdeen.
Queen's Park v. St. Mirren.
St. Bernard v. Beith.
Ayr United v. St. Johnstone.
Hamilton v. Dumbarton.
Citadel v. Partick Thistle.
Dunfermline v. East Stirling.
Clyde v. Third Lanark.
Motherwell v. Stenhousemuir.
Murrayfield A. v. Edinburgh C.
Cowdenbeath v. Alloa Ath.
Hibernians v. Dundee U.
Dundee v. Greenock Morton.
Raith v. Inverness Thistle.
Rangers v. Brechin.
Lochgelly v. Hearts.
Celtic v. Falkirk.
Kilmarnock v. East Fife.
King's Park v. Thornhill.
Forfar v. Airdrie.
Armadale v. Montrose.
Dunbarton Star v. Bo'ness.

Association's Decision.

It will be noted that there has
been a considerable reduction in
the number of entries for the
competition and that only twenty
four matches are possible in the
first round, as against the usual
thirty-two.
It was agreed at the meeting of
the Scottish Football Association,
at which the draw was made, that
there should be no byes in the
first or second rounds, but in the
third round, when there are only
twelve teams remaining in the
competition, there will be four
ties and four byes.

Celtic's Draw.

The most interesting first round
match would appear to be the visit
of Falkirk to the Glasgow Celtic
ground. The Clyde will find Third
Lanark a hard nut to crack, but
the draw generally leaves little
room for surprises.—*Reuter.*

CUNARD LINER SUSPENSION.

NO NEW DEVELOPMENT
AS YET.

London, Dec. 16.
The Directors of the Cunard
Steamship Company to-day con-
sidered in private the recent de-
cision to suspend work on their giant
liner.
The Chairman reported that he
had received no request to meet
the Government, and for the
moment there was no fresh news
to report.—*British Wireless.*

THE DOLLAR UP A FARTHING.

AMERICA BUYING
SILVER.

The Hongkong dollar rose a
farthing this morning, reflecting
an advance in silver prices both in
London and New York. The de-
mand rate is 1s. 5/7/16d.
In London, silver was up 3/8ths
spot and 9/16ths forward. Specu-
lators were small buyers, offerings
being small. The market was quiet
on opening, but after the official
fixing it ruled firm. America was
a buyer and there was an absence
of sellers.
New York reports a rise of one-
half in silver, with the market
steady.
Conditions in Shanghai have been
most erratic. The rate opened at
1s. 11 1/2d. and 1s. 11 1/4d., but
later advanced to 1s. 11 1/2d. and
11 1/4d. Then it reverted to the former
quotations, with conditions easier.
In Hongkong, the market is very
uncertain, nominal rates being
about 1s. 5 1/2d. and 1s. 5 1/4d.
There is practically no business,
and the market is by no means
active.

WORKERS BADLY INJURED.

CRUSHED BY FALL
OF LOG.

Three workmen of the Green
Island Cement Company were
seriously injured yesterday when
a large log which they were saw-
ing fell from its supports and
crushed the men who were work-
ing below.
Fung Chung, aged 30, and
Chan Lo, aged 28, were both re-
moved to the Kowloon Hospital,
the former suffering from in-
juries to his shoulder and forearm
and the second from injuries to
his face and head; while the third
man, Pun Tak, was taken to the
Kwong Wah Hospital for treat-
ment, being injured about the
chest.

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nounces that from to-morrow a
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from all parts of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland to Siam.
The route will be by wire to Berlin and
thence by wireless to Bangkok.—*British Wireless.*

Shanghai is again experiencing a
cold snap. The temperature at 6 a.m.
to-day was 25 degrees, compared with
56 in Hongkong.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK MAY SEEK RE-ELECTION.

LATEST NANKING
SITUATION.

Nanking, Dec. 17.
Chiang Kai-shek remains
in the Capital and will attend
the Fourth Kuomintang
National Congress despite
his resignation and the
simultaneous resignations of
his principal political sub-
ordinates.
It is as yet uncertain whether
he will submit himself for re-
election at the Fourth Kuomintang
National Congress which
will open as the soon as the
Cantonese delegates arrive.
The Canton leaders are proceed-
ing with the drafting of their
proposals for the reorganization
of the National Government.
Dr. Wellington Koo is expected
at any moment to resign the
portfolio of Foreign Minister.

Canton Plans.

Messrs. Sun Fo, Chen Kung-poh,
Ku Meng-yu, Chao Pei-lin, C. C.
Wu and fifteen other National
Congress commissioners will
leave Shanghai this morning for
the Capital on a special train.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei is still
indisposed but will follow his
colleagues to Nanking this week-
end.

Mr. T. V. Soong is still at the
Finance Ministry and Mr. Chow
Lu, one of the leading Canton
politicians, has issued an em-
phatic denial of the rumour that
Mr. Sun Fo has recommended Mr.
Liu Chi-wan, formerly Mayor of
Nanking and Chinese Customs
commissioner at Shanghai, as
successor to Mr. T. V. Soong.

Invitation to Mr. Hu Han-min.
Both Mr. Lin Sen (acting Pres-
ident of the National Govern-
ment's State Council) and General
Chan Ming-shu (acting President
of the Executive Council) will
occupy these posts for only two
weeks.

Mr. Lin Sen has sent a telegram
to Mr. Hu Han-min in Hongkong,
informing him that the Fourth
Kuomintang National Congress
will be formally opened on Mon-
day next, for a general settle-
ment of the Kuomintang quarrels
and the reorganization of the
Nanking Government. All posts
will be filled by election and Mr.
Hu Han-min is invited to attend.
—*Reuter.*

Diabetes Sufferer.

Nanking, Dec. 17.
Sun Fo, C. C. Wu, Eugene Chen,
Li Wen-fan, Chou Lu, Chen Kung-
poh, and Mrs. Wang Ching-wei
and twenty other members of the
C. E. C. together with a staff of
eight, left for Nanking this morn-
ing. A notable absentee was Mr.
Wang Ching-wei, who is at present
in hospital suffering from dia-
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